

COMMENTS ON CRIMINAL COURT PROCEDURES

PRETRIAL

Do you depend on pre-sentencing probation reports? **(no response)**

If yes, at what stage do you want them? **(no response)**

Do you actively encourage, or participate in, case settlement negotiations?

Yes

Do you have a set continuance policy?
No

COURT ROOM PROCEDURES

Do you require or accept trial briefs?
Yes, encourage but do not require.

Do you prefer that the attorneys summarize the major points during oral argument on motions? **I don't interfere with how an attorney wants to present his/her case.**

Do you prefer that the attorneys respond to your specific questions during oral argument on motions?
yes

Do you prefer that the attorneys summarize the major points during oral argument in court trials? **I don't interfere with how an attorney wants to present his/her case.**

Do you prefer that the attorneys respond to your specific questions during oral argument in court trials?
Yes

In court trials, do you allow parties to submit declarations in lieu of direct examination? **Yes**

Do you require attorneys to use the lectern? **Yes**

Do you require attorneys to stand for objections? **No**

What are your preferences on how an attorney makes an objection? **State objection and legal basis. Court will inquire if it wants more**

Do you allow sidebar approaches for objections? **Yes**

Under what circumstances do you examine a witness yourself? **Very seldom**

Do you allow jurors to ask questions?
No

If so, please describe the procedure:
(no response)

JURY SELECTION

Do you allow mini-opening statements during voir dire? **Yes**

Do you set any time limits on jury selection? **Yes**

If so, what are the limits and why? **15 minutes. I do a very thorough voir dire.**

If the case is more complicated, will you allow more time? **Yes**

Do you use a "6-pack" approach to jury selection? **No**

If no, what is your jury configuration?
"8-pack"

Do you consider your voir dire examination of potential jurors to be thorough? **Yes**

Do you always ask general questions (e.g. name, area of residence, occupation, marital status, jury duty experience), or only sometimes?
Always

Do you always ask more in-depth questions, or only sometimes?
Almost always. I will tailor depth of questions to potential issues in case.

What kinds of questions do you like an attorney to ask during voir dire? **I do not invade the province of trial counsel to conduct their trial their way.**

Do you have time limits for attorney voir dire? **Yes**

Do you prefer attorneys to submit potential voir dire questions to the court? **No**

Will you use a jury questionnaire? **No**

If yes, when? In what type of case? **(no response)**

Your own or attorney prepared? **(no response)**

TRIAL

Do you limit the time for an opening statement? **No**

If yes, please describe your limits. **(no response)**

When in trial, do you go five days a week? **No**

What are your regular trial hours? **4 days- court policy won't allow trials on Friday. I work with counsel. Will start as early as 8am thru noon/ and 1:30 to 5pm**

Do you limit closing arguments? **No**

If yes, what are your limits? **(no response)**

Do you have any rules on the use of technology for presentation? **No**

If yes, what are your rules? **(no response)**

What is the most common mistake attorneys make regarding closing arguments? **Failing to understand the other side's narrative and providing a response.**

GENERALLY

What type of behavior by attorneys irritates you the most? **Any sign of disrespect to judicial system, court personnel, jurors, or witnesses.**

Under what circumstances, if any, would you impose sanctions on an attorney? **That would be on a case-by-case basis. It's hard to push my**

buttons, but when I do it would be severe.

Please comment on areas of attorney performance you consider important:
(no response)

How many special circumstance trials have you conducted? (no response)

Are you more comfortable doing criminal trials than civil trials? **Prefer civil trials because of their variety.**

Do you have any active prosecution or criminal defense experience? **Only appellate experience**