

Legal Purpose of Voir Dire

- The purpose of voir dire is to “aid ... the exercise of challenges for cause.” People v. Debose (2014) 59 Cal.4th 177, 194 (citing Code Civ. Proc., § 223).
- The pretrial voir dire process is important to protect the constitutional right to an impartial jury “because it enables the trial court and the parties to determine whether a prospective juror is unbiased and both can and will follow the law.” People v. Wilson (2008) 44 Cal.4th 758, 822.