

VOIR DIRE FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES

- 1. Have you ever been a victim of domestic violence? Describe.**
- 2. Have you ever been a witness to an act of domestic violence? Describe. Did you report what you saw? If not, why?**
- 3. 243(e)(1) can be charged where there is no visible injury when the contact to the victim is harmful or offensive. Should a person be charged/arrested for DV if there are no visible injuries or How do you feel about the law (requiring no visible injury)?**
- 4. SIDEWAYS VICTIM: Domestic violence charges can be pursued even if the victim does not want prosecution. Would a victim's desire or lack of to prosecute affect your ability to render a verdict based solely on the evidence? OR**
- 5. SIDEWAYS VICTIM: Your job as a juror in this case is to decide if the alleged event of domestic violence occurred or didn't. If the victim comes in here and is against prosecution or is not cooperating with prosecution, what effect if any will that have on your ability to determine if the event happened or didn't?**
- 6. Juror #__, do you believe that victims of domestic violence lie to protect their spouse or significant other?**
- 7. Have you ever spoken with someone charged or convicted of domestic violence about their experience? Describe. How will that conversation effect your ability to be fair and impartial to both sides in this case?**
- 8. Have Self/family/close friends ever belonged to or contributed to any organization which advocates changes in the present law regarding domestic violence? What organization(s)? Attend meetings? Have you formed any opinions that would affect your ability to be a fair and impartial juror?**
- 9. Does anyone feel that the laws against domestic violence should not be vigorously pursued? If so, why?**