

VOIR DIRE IN GANG CASES

- 1. Have you, family or close friend ever been a victim of a crime which involved a gang or gangs in any way?**
 - a. Describe the crime**
 - b. Was it reported to the police?**
 - c. Was anyone arrested?**
 - d. Describe how or why you believe the crime involved gangs**
 - e. What was the outcome?**
 - i. Did you, family or close friend testify in court as to the crime?**
 - ii. Do you agree with the outcome?**
 - iii. If no outcome, how do you feel about that?**
- 2. Have you ever been a witness to any act or crime you believe was gang-related?**
 - a. Describe the act or crime**
 - b. Why do you believe it was gang-related**
 - c. What did you do after witnessing the act or crime**
 - i. If didn't report, why?**
- 3. Have you, family member or close friend ever been a member of a gang?**
 - a. Who? When?**
 - b. What gang?**
 - c. Still member?**
 - i. Why or why not?**
- 4. Do you know anyone who has ever been a member of a gang?**
 - a. Who? When?**
 - b. What gang?**
 - c. Still member?**
 - i. Why or why not?**
 - d. Still in contact with that person?**
 - i. Why or why not?**
- 5. Do you feel that the criminal justice system is too hard on members of gangs?**
 - a. If yes, why?**

- 6. Have you ever been a witness to any violent act or crime?**
 - a. Describe the act or crime**
 - b. How do you feel about the act or crime?**
 - c. What did you do after witnessing the act or crime**
 - i. If didn't report, why?**
- 7. Are there gang problems in your neighborhood?**
 - a. Describe the problems**
 - b. Any actions being done to deal with the problem?**
 - i. What and by who**
 - ii. Feelings about those actions**
- 8. Do you think it is reasonable that a witness to a gang-related crime would be reluctant to provide information to police?**
 - a. Do you think they might change their story to protect themselves?**
- 9. Self/family/close friends ever been accused of any gang-related offenses? Describe.**
 - a. How were they treated by the criminal justice system? Basis for that opinion.**
 - b. How will this effect your ability to be fair and impartial to both sides?**
- 10. Ever had any training relating to investigation of gang-related crimes? Describe.**
- 11. Do you have any professional experience dealing with people who have been convicted of gang-related crimes? Describe.**
 - a. How would that affect your ability to be fair and impartial in this case?**
- 12. Are you familiar with the names of any gangs that you believe are active in California? If yes, please name them.**
 - a. How are you familiar with these names?**
- 13. If a witness is incarcerated at the time of their testimony, would you automatically disbelieve the witness's testimony?**
 - a. If yes, please explain**

- 14. Do you think it is possible for a witness that is incarcerated to be reluctant to provide information against a defendant?
a. Explain**
- 15. If a witness were testifying as a result of a plea bargain, would you automatically disbelieve this person's testimony?
a. If yes, explain**
- 16. How do you feel about the practice in which the prosecution may decide not to prosecute one person in exchange for testimony against another person?**
- 17. Have you watched any programs dealing with gangs, gang-violence?
a. Which program(s)
b. How long ago/how often?
c. Do you believe these programs accurately depict gangs or gang-related violence?
d. Has your opinion about gangs or gang-related violence been affected by your viewing of these programs?
i. Explain**