

## **CRIMINAL INSTRUCTIONS**

Oklahoma Uniform Jury Instructions  
Oklahoma Jury Instructions- Criminal  
Chapter 1  
A. VOIR DIRE  
Section OUJI-CR 1-1 - Role of the Juror  
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### **ROLE OF THE JUROR**

For those who have been summoned as jurors, I remind you that jury service is a legal obligation as well as a civic duty. Each of you is an officer of the court just as the judge, the attorney(s) representing the prosecution, and the attorney(s) representing the defense. Your office as juror is one of extreme public trust. The services you perform as juror are as important and essential to the administration of justice as those performed by the judge and the attorneys.

As prospective jurors you will take an oath to answer completely and truthfully all questions asked you by myself and the attorneys.

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## **VOIR DIRE OATH**

Do you, and each of you, solemnly swear/affirm to well and truly answer questions asked of you concerning your qualifications to sit as jurors in the case now on trial, (so help you God?)/(this you do affirm under the penalties of perjury)?

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Section OUJI-CR 1-4 - Fair and Impartial Jury

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## **FAIR AND IMPARTIAL JURY**

Both the State of Oklahoma and the defendant(s) are entitled to jurors who approach this case with open minds and agree to keep their minds open until a verdict is reached. Jurors must be as free as humanly possible from bias, prejudice, or sympathy. Jurors must not be influenced by preconceived ideas as to the facts or as to the law.

From this point until the conclusion of this trial, do not discuss this case with any other person, including family and friends. You should not read or listen to any media discussing this case nor research this case in any way, including through the internet or any other tools of technology. Nor should you use any of these means to communicate to others about the case. It is important that this case be decided solely on the evidence you receive in this courtroom.

You are undoubtedly qualified to serve as a juror but you may not be qualified to serve as a juror in this particular case. Hence, the law permits unlimited challenges for cause. Moreover, the law grants both the State and the defendant(s) peremptory challenges. A peremptory challenge permits either the State or the defendant to excuse a prospective juror for any reason allowed by law. If you are excused from being a juror in this particular case, it is no reflection on you. You well may be chosen to serve as a juror in another case.

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### **EXAMINATION BY THE ATTORNEYS**

The attorneys for the State and the defendant(s) will now ask you questions. The questions are not designed to pry into your personal affairs but to discover if you have any information or opinions concerning this case which you cannot lay aside, or personal experiences in your life which might cause you to favor or disfavor the State or the defendant or persons who may be witnesses. The questions may further be designed to ascertain your attitude on social, religious and moral issues. These questions are necessary to assure the State and the defendant(s) an impartial jury.

The attorney for the State will proceed first.

## **CIVIL INSTRUCTIONS**

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Chapter 1

Section Instruction 1.1 - EXPLANATION TO JURY PANEL OF VOIR DIRE

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Instruction No. 1.1

### **EXPLANATION TO JURY PANEL OF VOIR DIRE**

As possible jurors you will be questioned to determine your qualifications to serve in this case. The purpose of these questions is to obtain a fair jury. Since this is an important part of the trial, it is necessary that you be given an oath to answer truthfully all questions asked you about your qualifications to serve as jurors. Will you please stand, raise your right hand, and the oath will now be given to you by the clerk.

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Chapter 1

Section Instruction 1.2 - OATH ON VOIR DIRE

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Instruction No. 1.2

### **OATH ON VOIR DIRE**

Do you solemnly swear that you will truly and fully answer all questions asked you by the Judge or the lawyers to serve as a juror in the case now on trial, so help you God? [Juror should be required to answer "I do."].

or

Do you affirm under the pains and penalties of perjury to truly and fully answer all questions asked you by the Judge or lawyers to serve as a juror in the case now on trial? [Juror should be required to answer "I do."].