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JURY TRIAL OF RIGHT

(-) **Defined.** A trial is the judicial examination of the issues between the parties, whether they are issues of law or of fact.

(a) **Right of Jury Trial Preserved.** The right of trial by jury as declared by article 1, section 21 of the constitution or as given by a statute shall be preserved to the parties inviolate.

(b) **Demand for Jury.** At or prior to the time the case is called to be set for trial, any party may demand a trial by jury of any issue triable of right by a jury by serving upon the other parties a demand therefor in writing, by filing the demand with the clerk, and by paying the jury fee required by law. If before the case is called to be set for trial no party serves or files a demand that the case be tried by a jury of 12, it shall be tried by a jury of 6 members with the concurrence of five being required to reach a verdict.

(c) **Specification of Issues.** A party may specify the issues which the party wishes so tried in a demand; otherwise the party shall be deemed to have demanded trial by jury for all the issues so triable. If a party has demanded trial by jury for only some of the issues, any other party within 10 days after service of the demand or such lesser time as the court may order, may serve a demand for trial by jury of any other or all of the issues of fact in the action.

(d) **Waiver of Jury.** The failure of a party to serve a demand as required by this rule, to file it as required by this rule, and to pay the jury fee required by law in accordance with this rule, constitutes a waiver by the party of trial by jury. A demand for trial by jury made as herein provided may not be withdrawn without the consent of the parties.

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