Local Civil Rule 47
JURORS

(a) Voir Dire. The trial judge may examine the prospective juror touching their qualification to act as fair and impartial jurors in the case before him or her; provided that thereafter the trial judge shall give leave to respective counsel to ask the jurors such supplementary questions as may be deemed by the trial judge proper and necessary. The voir dire examination of prospective jurors shall, as nearly as possible, be limited to those matters having a reasonably direct bearing on prejudice or qualifications and shall not be used by opposing counsel as a means of arguing or trying their case on voir dire. The "struck method" of voir dire examination is allowed. That is, the parties may direct questions to individual jurors or to the panel or to portions thereof, in the discretion of the examiner.

(e) Challenge.

(9) Peremptory Challenges. All peremptory challenges allowed by law shall be exercised in the following manner:

The bailiff will deliver to counsel for the plaintiff and counsel for the defendant, in turn, a prepared form upon which each counsel shall endorse the name of the challenged juror in the space designated, or his acceptance of the jury as constituted. The bailiff will then exhibit this form after each challenge to the opposing counsel, and the Court. After all challenges have been exhausted, the Court will excuse those jurors who have been challenged and will seat the jury as finally selected.

A waiver by a party indicates an acceptance by that party of all jurors seated up to that point.

The purpose of this rule is to preserve the secrecy of peremptory challenges and all parties and their counsel shall conduct themselves to that end. This procedure may be modified if appropriate.

(k) Selection of Jurors. The Benton County Superior Court and the Franklin County Superior Court shall employ a properly programmed electronic data processing system or device to make random selection of jurors as required by RCW 2.36.060.093. It is determined that fair and random selection may be achieved without division of the county into three (3) or more jury districts. During the month of July of each year, a master jury list shall be selected by an unrestricted random sample in accordance with RCW 2.36.055.

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