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I am a trial technician and litigation consultant for civil trial attorneys. I've been practicing for over 15 years and have been involved in over 50 hybrid and fully remote jury trials nationwide since the pandemic. In the last month, I also had the opportunity and privilege to be part of the voir dire process as a potential juror for a criminal matter in King County Superior Court which was done remotely on Zoom. I fully support GR 41.

Our court system and most law firms have always seemed to be 10 years behind the rest of society regarding technological advances and approving GR 41 provides us a step in the right direction. Allowing jury selection via Zoom or any other remote video conferencing format meets the needs for all parties involved. It allows for more geographical diversity and willingness of jurors to participate. With a county growing exponentially each day, travel time has become a nuisance and GR 41 allows more jurors to participate and fulfill their civic duty.

Remote jury selection also provides attorneys a glimpse into the juror's lifestyle. I've also noticed that most jurors are more open and honest about their bias. Since they are behind a screen, there is a feeling of security, hence more openness for comments and questions. Attorneys can also clearly see their non-verbal communications with a better view of their face and vice versa. For these reasons and countless others, I urge the court to adopt GR 41.



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