

JURY SELECTION BY USING REMOTE TECHNOLOGY

(a) Scope of rule. This rule addresses the procedures for conducting jury selection using remote technology.

(b) Jury selection using remote technology. In all cases, jury selection may be conducted using remote technology in which all participants can simultaneously see, hear, and speak with each other. The technology should be of sufficient quality to ensure participants are easily seen and understood.

(c) Procedures prior to jury selection. The court may divide the venire into smaller groups and determine the number of remote participants per voir dire session. The court shall confirm with prospective jurors that they can participate in jury selection using remote technology. The court shall not excuse potential jurors from jury service who cannot participate in jury selection using remote technology due to lack of resources or access and shall arrange for alternative methods, including but not limited to in-person voir dire, for such potential jurors.

(d) Juror remote appearance. The juror's demeanor and appearance shall remain their own as if they were in person and shall not be manipulated or altered.

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