

CR 47. JURORS

(a) Examination of Jurors. The court will conduct a voir dire examination of the prospective trial jurors. To aid in the examination, counsel shall submit to the court, at such time as the court may direct, any questions they request be included in the examination. In addition, counsel may examine the prospective jurors directly if and to the extent permitted by the court.

(b) Contacting Jurors. Counsel shall not contact or interview jurors or cause jurors to be contacted or interviewed after trial without first having been granted leave to do so by the court.

Note

In *Smith v. Cupp*, 457 F.2d 1098 (9th Cir.1972) the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit stated: "... this court has held, in a federal case, that it is improper and unethical for lawyers to interview jurors to discover what was the course of deliberation of a trial jury. *Northern Pacific Railway Co. v. Mely*, 219 F.2d 199, 202 (9th Cir.1954)."

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