

61. Peremptory challenges shall be limited to a number no larger than necessary to provide reasonable assurance of obtaining an unbiased jury.

Administration of the Jury System

62. The responsibility for the administration of the jury system shall be under the control of the judiciary.

63. The notice summoning a person to jury service shall be in writing, easily understandable, and delivered sufficiently in advance.

64. Courts shall employ the services of prospective jurors so as to achieve the best possible use of them with a minimum of inconvenience.

65. Courts shall provide adequate protection for jurors from threat and intimidation.

66. Courts shall provide an adequate and suitable environment for jurors, and jury facilities shall be arranged to minimize contact between jurors and parties, counsel and the public.

67. Persons called for jury service shall receive a reasonable allowance from the State except when they receive such allowance in their place of employment.

68. Employers shall be prohibited from penalizing employees who are called for jury service.

Jury Consideration and Deliberation

69. Procedures shall be provided to prevent a trial from being terminated because of unforeseen circumstances which would reduce the number of jurors.

70. Courts shall provide some form of orientation or instruction to persons called for jury service to increase prospective jurors' understanding of the judicial system and prepare them to serve competently as jurors.

71. In simple language the trial judge shall:

(a) Directly following empanelment of the jury, give preliminary explanations of the jury's role and of trial procedures;

(b) Direct the jury on the law.

72. (a) A jury's deliberations shall be held in secrecy. Jurors shall not make public reasons for their decisions.

(b) A jury shall be sequestered only for the purpose of insulating its members from improper information or influence.

(c) Standard procedures shall be promulgated to make certain that the inconvenience and discomfort of the sequestered jurors is minimized.

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