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JURY SELECTION

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Jury Selection

Jay Chapman
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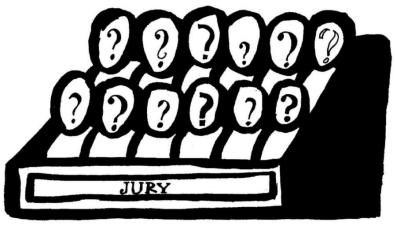
Fair & Impartial Jury



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How Many?

- 30 years of imprisonment or more:
  12 jurors
- Less than 30 years of imprisonment:
  8 jurors
- Misdemeanor:
  6 jurors

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100 prosecutors were surveyed
(not really)

The top 10 answers are on the board.

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What should a prosecutor do during jury selection to select a fair jury?

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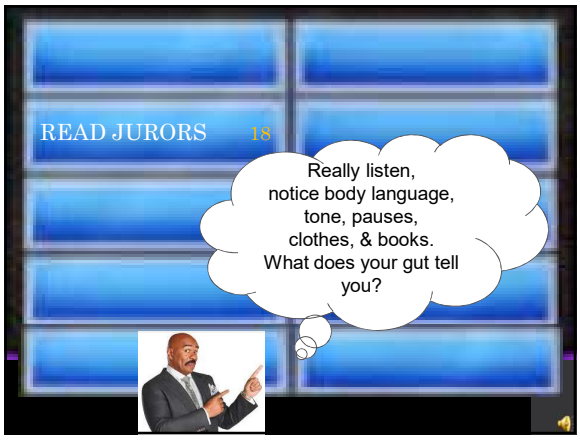
READ JURORS 18
Really listen, notice body language, tone, pauses, clothes, & books. What does your gut tell you?

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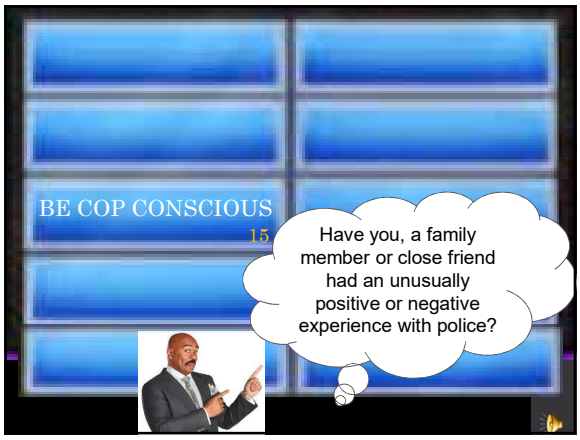
BE COP CONSCIOUS 15
Have you, a family member or close friend had an unusually positive or negative experience with police?

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ESTABLISH RAPPORT 12
Do not cross-examine the juror

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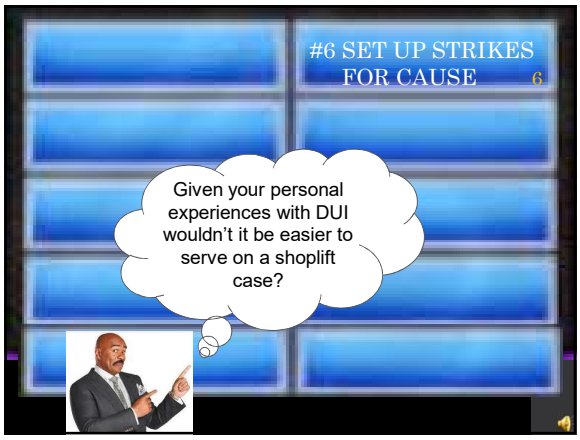

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Peremptory Challenges

- Death Penalty Cases: 10
- Superior Court Cases: 6
- Limited Jurisdiction courts: 2
- Joint Trials: each defendant gets half
- May agree to fewer

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#7 USE PLAIN ENGLISH
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Don't talk down to jurors. Don't use legalize.
Be conversational.

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Confident = Credibility
#8 ACT CONFIDENT
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Take good notes, use question marks or stars
#9 USE SHORT HAND
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Be ready to introduce yourself & your witnesses. Have your table organized.
#10 MAKE A GOOD 1ST IMPRESSION 2

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#1 APPRECIATE ITS IMPORTANCE 25
#2 READ JURORS 18
#3 BE COP CONSCIOUS 15
#4 ESTABLISH RAPPORT 12
#5 GET THEM TALKING 10
#6 SET UP STRIKES FOR CAUSE 6
#7 USE PLAIN ENGLISH 5
#8 ACT CONFIDENT 4
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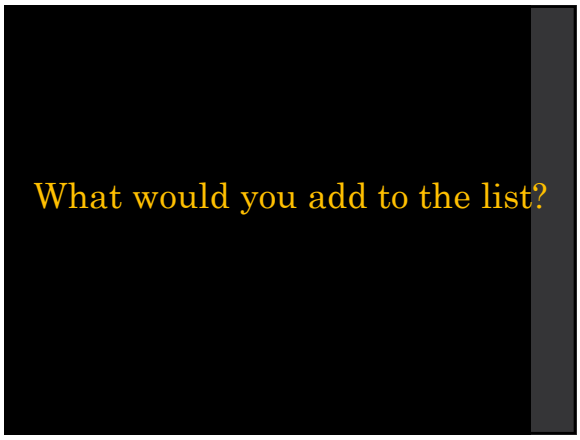
What would you add to the list?

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