

Rule 5.01 | JURIES -- SELECTION; INSTRUCTIONS; PROHIBITION OF POST-TRIAL INTERVIEWS

(a) In all civil cases tried by jury, in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 48, the jury shall consist of 6 to 12 persons as the Court may specify.

(b) The method of voir dire examination and exercise of challenges in selection of the jury shall be as specified by the presiding judge. A list of the venire will be furnished to counsel only at the time the case is called for trial, and prior to commencement of voir dire examination (unless otherwise required by governing rule or statute), and must be returned to the Clerk when the jury is empaneled. No person shall copy from or reproduce, in whole or in part, any list of veniremen.

(c) All requests for instructions to the jury shall be submitted in writing within the time specified by the presiding judge. Such requests, and supplemental requests, if any, shall be marked with the name and number of the case; shall designate the party submitting the request; shall be numbered in sequence; and shall contain citation of supporting authorities, if any.

(d) No attorney or party shall undertake, directly or indirectly, to interview any juror after trial in any civil or criminal case except as permitted by this Rule. If a party believes that grounds for legal challenge to a verdict exist, he may move for an order permitting an interview of a juror or jurors to determine whether the verdict is subject to the challenge. The motion shall be served within fourteen (14) days after rendition of the verdict unless good cause is shown for the failure to make the motion within that time. The motion shall state the name and address of each juror to be interviewed and the grounds for the challenge that the moving party believes may exist. The presiding judge may conduct such hearings, if any, as necessary, and shall enter an order denying the motion or permitting the interview. If the interview is permitted, the Court may prescribe the place, manner, conditions, and scope of the interview.