

1.10 INSTRUCTIONS TO JURORS BEFORE VOIR DIRE
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[The following suggested jury instructions are offered as assistance to judges in organizing their communications with juries. The Committee recommends that the judge tailor these instructions to the particular case being tried. In the circumstances presented, some of these suggested instructions should be altered, some should be eliminated. In addition, the format or the order in which these instructions are given to the jury should be the subject of the judge's option or discretion in each individual case.]

E. Counsel's Right to Peremptory Challenges

After I have asked you a number of questions which relate to your ability to hear and decide this case with an open mind and with complete impartiality, the attorneys who represent the parties in this lawsuit can exercise the right to excuse one or more of the jurors without giving any explanation or reason. If you are excused in that manner, please do not take it personally. No offense is intended. The law traditionally gives each attorney the right to have a limited number of jurors excused for no expressed reason.