District Local Rule Civ 47.1 (Civil)

VOIR DIRE OF JURORS

(a) The jury box must be filled before examination on voir dire. The Court will examine the jurors as to their qualifications and, if permitted, will direct the order and manner of examination by counsel. Not less than seven (7) days before trial, attorneys may submit written requests for voir dire questions.

(b) The Court, after reviewing the complexity and possible length of the case, will determine the number of trial jurors necessary. This number of jurors, not less than six (6) nor more than twelve (12), plus a number of jurors equal to the total number of peremptory challenges which are allowed by law, must be called in the first instance. These jurors constitute the initial panel. As the initial panel is called, the Clerk must assign numbers to the jurors in the order in which they are called. If any juror in the initial panel is excused for cause, an additional juror must be immediately called to fill out the initial panel. A juror called to replace a juror excused must take the number of the juror who has been excused. When the initial panel is qualified, the parties must exercise their peremptory challenges secretly and alternately, with plaintiff exercising the first challenge. When peremptory challenges have all been exercised or waived, the Court must call the names of the selected jurors having the lowest assigned numbers. These jurors must constitute the trial jury.

(c) All jurors selected will deliberate on the verdict.

RELATED AUTHORITY

Fed. R. Civ. P. 47
28 U.S.C. § 1870