



2021 FORUM FOR STATE APPELLATE COURT JUDGES
Juries, Voir Dire, *Batson*, and Beyond: Achieving Fairness in Civil Jury Trials

MORNING Discussion Group Questions
&
Points of Agreement

Prof. Hans's Paper and Panel Discussion

Moderator names: _____

1. How well do you think civil juries in your jurisdiction represent the community?

2. In your jurisdiction, have you observed positive (or negative) effects of jury diversity?

3. During the COVID pandemic, some courts have experimented with virtual jury selection. A few of these courts have reported the same or better representativeness for virtual jury venires than with in-person jury venires. Post-pandemic, should we move to virtual jury selection, or return to requiring in-person jury selection?

4. Professor Hans identifies some of the advantages of expansive voir dire. Other than time concerns, what, if anything, do you see as the disadvantages of expansive voir dire?

5. "EXTRA CREDIT:" (If you have time to get to this) In practice, courts nationwide have moved away from special juries. Are there particular types of cases for which a special jury (selected for advanced education or specialized training) would be more appropriate, more competent, and/or more acceptable to the parties and the public, than a representative jury?
