IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
BEAUMONT DIVISION

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STANDING ORDER MC-47 SELECTION OF JURORS

The following standing order is hereby ADOPTED:

STANDING ORDER MC-47 Selection of Jurors

(a) VOIR DIRE

(1) The court will conduct a preliminary examination of the jury panel. Following the court's examination, each side will be allowed from fifteen (15) to twenty (20) minutes to examine the panel.

(2) Prior to the commencement of voir dire, counsel for each party will receive a copy of a list of randomly selected, pre-qualified jurors prepared by the Clerk's office as well as a brief information sheet on each panelist.

(3) Do not waste voir dire by using it as an opening statement.

(4) Remember that strikes will be made from the top of the panel list.

(5) The panel comes from the jury administrator set up in a random fashion—do not ask for a re-shuffle.

(b) POST-TRIAL CONTACT

In accordance with Local Rule CV-47, after the verdict is rendered and the jury and counsel are excused, counsel may contact the jurors if permitted by the court, but counsel may not use information gained from such discussions to impeach the verdict.

This order applies to all pending cases and to those filed on or after the date of this order.

Signed at Beaumont, Texas, the 28th day of February, 2005.

Marcia A. Crone
MARCIA A. CRONE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE