

Improving Deliberations Process

Practical Guidance:
A.B.A. Principles for
Juries & Jury Trials

“Courts and parties have a duty to facilitate effective and impartial deliberations.”

- I. Plain & clear instructions**
- II. Suggestions about process**
- III. Effective response to Qs**

Getting started & organized

- **Mutual respect, civility, calm**
- **Selecting presiding juror**
- **Discussing evidence & law**
- **Voting**
- **Getting help from court**
- **Delivering verdict**

Responding to call for advice:

- **Consult with trial counsel.**
- **Repeat earlier instruction?**
- **Re-open the evidence?**
- **Further argument from parties?**
- **Seek clarification from jury?**
- **Arizona instruction?**
- **Do nothing more?**