

# Respecting Juror Privacy During Jury Selection

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

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**What info is collected for jury service?**

**I. Administrative (for summoning):**

- ❖ Social security #s?**
- ❖ Basic qualifications (age, citizenship, etc.)**

**II. Personal stuff (during selection):**

- ❖ About family, employment, education...**
- ❖ Experience with justice system**
- ❖ Connections to this case, injury, conflict, loss...**

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- **Who has access to juror information?**
  - ✓ Parties, lawyers, court personnel, jury consultants
  - ✓ Interested observers, the public at large
  - ✓ The media
- **When/where are juror disclosures made?**  
**In writing? In open court?**
- **How long will juror info be retained?**
- **Are jurors informed about what happens to their disclosures?**

# **Fair to Litigant v. Public Access?**

- **Notice of intent to close**
- **Favor for opennness**
- **Findings before closure:**
  - ✓ **Probability of prejudice to party**
  - ✓ **Closure likely to prevent harm**
  - ✓ **No reasonable alternatives**