

Judge-As-Educator During Jury Selection

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

“Courts should educate jurors regarding the essential aspects of a jury trial.”

- I. Educate during summoning.**
- II. Orient in assembly room.**
- III. Civics lessons in courtroom.**
 - **“Voir dire” means ...**
 - **Oath to tell the truth**
 - **“For Cause” & “Peremptory” strikes**

Why should we take the time?

- **150,000 jury trials per year**
- **31 million summoned**
- **1.5 million serve each year**
- **Building trust**
- **Law school for the common person**
- **Engaging civic participation**
- **Doing justice**

Who owns this trial?

- **The parties**
- **The court**
- **The community**