

Courtroom Experts Reveal Jury Selection Secrets in New 'Mastering Voir Dire' Book

Guide to jury selection explores postpandemic attitudes, cultural shifts that make jury selection more important than ever.

DALLAS, TX, UNITED STATES, February 12, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The art and science of jury selection has long been one of the most important and least understood aspects of jury trials, but a new book by two veteran trial lawyers and a jury selection expert



reveals how new dynamics are shaping juror attitudes, making jury selection more important than ever.

In addition to sections devoted to trends and techniques for digging below the surface to identify



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prospective jurors' life experiences, attitudes and biases, Mastering Voir Dire provides ready-to-use forms, worksheets and questionnaires for trial practitioners to use when preparing for and taking part in jury selection.

In Mastering Voir Dire, trial lawyers <u>Trey Cox</u> and John Adams and jury consultant <u>Jason Bloom</u> note that prospective jurors today are more likely to have amplified biases shaped by cultural dynamics forged during the pandemic shutdown. Those attitudes have contributed to

an increasing number of large monetary "nuclear verdicts" against corporate defendants across the country.

They write:

"A shift started long before 2020-2021 as a result of many factors, including polarized political and social justice positioning, the proliferation of fake news, the speed with which information travels in the age of the Internet, and fragmenting of news sources and social media into echo

chambers that reinforce pre-existing beliefs. Further, the pandemic brought with it a novel sense of uncertainty. Leaders and experts had to admit that aspects of the virus (e.g., its transmission, and how to avoid contracting it) were unknowable as science sought to understand the novel coronavirus."

As a result, it's critically important that lawyers understand these forces and use jury selection to learn as much as possible about the jurors who will decide their case.

"Mastering Voir Dire" is available for purchase online at <u>BookBaby.com</u>.

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