

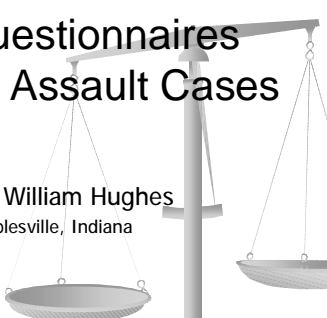
# **APPENDIX T:**

POWERPOINT SLIDES ON JURY  
QUESTIONNAIRES FOR THE *VOIR DIRE* AND  
JURY QUESTIONNAIRE UNIT AND A SAMPLE  
JUROR QUESTIONNAIRE

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# Jury Questionnaires in Sexual Assault Cases

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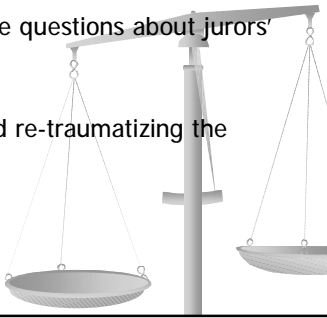
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## Key Questions

§How do you handle questions about jurors' past victimization?

§How can you avoid re-traumatizing the potential jurors?



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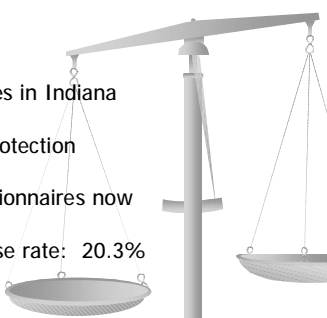
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- n Initial effort
- n Change in the rules in Indiana
- n Enhanced juror protection
- n Confidential questionnaires now
- n Change in response rate: 20.3%



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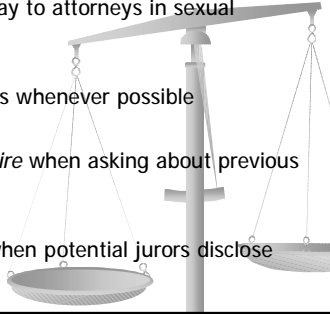
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### Recommendations

- n Give greater leeway to attorneys in sexual assault cases
- n Use questionnaires whenever possible
- n Use private *voir dire* when asking about previous victimization
- n Provide support when potential jurors disclose



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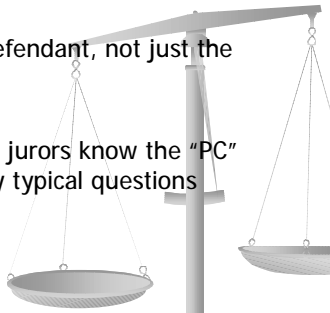
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### Recommendations

- n Focus on the defendant, not just the victim
- n Remember that jurors know the "PC" answer to many typical questions



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**ADDITIONAL JUROR QUESTIONNAIRE**

To the Juror:

You have been selected for potential service on a jury. The case for which you have been called involves allegations of a sexual nature. In order to select a fair and impartial jury, the jury selection process requires that certain items of information be collected from each potential juror. In this case that may include information which might be embarrassing to you if you were asked these questions in open court. Your answers to this questionnaire are not public information. The judge sees your answers, and may share those answers with the attorneys for the parties but only after first asking for your permission to do so. Jury service is a privilege and an obligation of citizenship which should not be taken lightly. Trial by jury is central to our system of justice, and its successful operation requires the intelligent and unbiased judgment of qualified jurors.

1. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Have you ever been the recipient of an unwanted sexual contact?  YES  NO

3. If your answer to Question 2 was yes, please briefly explain the situation: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Has any member of your family ever been the recipient of an unwanted sexual contact?  
 YES  NO

5. If your answer to Question 4 was yes, who was the person and what was his or her relationship to you? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Have you ever been accused of or charged with an offense involving sexual contact?  
 YES  NO

7. If your answer to Question 6 was yes, please briefly explain the situation: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. Have you ever known anyone who has been a victim of an offense involving sexual contact?  
 YES  NO

9. If your answer to Question 8 was yes, who was that person and what was his or her relationship to you? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I affirm under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing answers are true to the best of my information and belief.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature