Stage 3 Comparative Juror Analysis

- Comparative juror analysis compare the excused juror(s) with the jurors accepted by the DA
 - Circumstantial evidence of intent

• Miller-El v. Dretke (2005) 545 U.S. 231

Stage 3 Comparative Juror Analysis

 Even if not raised in trial court, will conduct it on appeal

- (People v. Lenix (2008) 44 Cal.4th 602)

Stage 3 Credibility Determination

Court is to consider:

- demeanor
- inherent reasonableness or improbability of proffered explanations
- plausible basis in accepted trial strategy
- the court's own observation of the relevant jurors' voir dire
- court's own experience as a trial lawyer and judge in the community
- the common practices of the prosecutor's office and the individual prosecutor himself

(People v. Mai (2013) 57 Cal.4th 986)

The Remedy

- Default remedy is quash whole venire and start over
- Alternative remedy is reseat the improperly excused juror

Prevailing party gets to pick, but forfeited if he fails to request a particular remedy. (*People v. Mata* (2013) 57 Cal.4th 178)

The Remedy

- People v. Willis (2002) 27 Cal.4th 811 Def Atty tried to dismiss venire, then exercised peremptories against all white jurors. People did not want to give him the remedy he wanted so agreed to monetary sanctions.
- CSC approved of alternative remedies because had consent of the prevailing party.
- Courts have discretion to fashion appropriate alternative remedies, but prevailing party always has the choice

Appellate Review

The law

- "Great deference" to trial court
- "Presume that a prosecutor uses peremptory challenges in a constitutional manner"

(People v. Montes (2014) 58 Cal.4th 809, 847)