



Voir Dire

- Sex cases are difficult enough...so the right jury is KEY!
- Every DDA/ Case has a different “ideal” jury.
- Look for people who care about the community.
- Fathers...are natural protectors...
- Do Not choose prior victims: May have unresolved issues...(you should find these jurors because the judge will often give them an opportunity to speak privately.
- 2 stories does not equal reasonable doubt.
- Can the juror base a conviction on a single victim’s testimony alone? Calcrim 1190 for SA, plus Calcrim 301
- Can they follow the law even if they may be surprised by the law or disagree with it?
- Prepare them for your use of sex terms – these go to the elements! (See Handout 7)