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of the Circuit Court for

1. Do you provide instructions to the litigants/attorneys for the submission of voir dire questions?
 - a. Please attach a copy of any voir dire instructions that you give to litigants/attorneys concerning voir dire.

2. Do you include a schedule for the submission of voir dire questions in your pre-trial scheduling order?
 - a. If so, what factors do you consider when establishing the schedule for the submission of questions?

3. Do you have a standardized schedule for the submission of voir dire questions in criminal cases?
 - a. If so, does the time requirement vary depending upon the offense?
 - b. If so, what is the set time that you establish depending upon the type of offense i.e. a longer period for a capital cases?

4. Do you have a standardized schedule for the submission of voir dire questions in civil cases?
 - a. If so, does the time requirement vary depending upon the cause of action?
 - b. If so, what is the set time that you establish depending upon the cause of action i.e. medical malpractice litigation?

5. How do you determine which of the proffered questions are appropriate in the limited voir dire framework of Maryland?
 - a. Do you have established criteria for the selection of voir dire questions?
 - b. If so, please explain the criteria used, or attach a copy of established criteria.
 - c. In criminal cases, does the practice of selecting voir dire questions differ depending upon the offense?
 1. If so, please explain the factors that determine the variation in voir dire practices.
 - e. In civil cases does the practice of selecting voir dire questions differ depending upon the cause of action?
 1. If so, please explain the factors that determine the variation in voir dire practices.
6. Do you include your own questions in voir dire?
 - a. Do you have a set of standard voir dire questions prepared for trials?
 - b. Do you have a set of standard voir dire questions prepared for specific criminal offenses?
 - c. Do you have a set of standard voir dire questions prepared for specific civil causes of action?
 - d. If so, please explain and attach a copy of your standardized questions.
7. Do you edit voir dire questions submitted by the litigants?

- a. What criteria do you use to edit voir dire questions?
8. Do you combine voir dire questions submitted by opposing litigants/attorneys?
- a. What criteria do you use to combine voir dire questions?
9. Do you combine your own voir dire questions with those of litigants/attorneys?
- a. What criteria do you use to combine litigants'/attorneys' voir dire questions with your own?
10. Who poses voir dire questions to the jury?
- a. Does this practice vary?
 - b. If so, how does the practice vary?
11. Are the responses of potential jurors given in open court or at the bench?
- a. Does this practice differ depending upon the proffered question?
 - b. Do you have an established set of questions to which jurors always respond at the bench?
 - c. If so, what are those questions?
 - d. Do you have an established set of questions to which jurors always respond in open court?
 - e. If so, what are those questions?

f. Do you instruct potential jurors before voir dire that they may respond to questions at the bench if they are uncomfortable responding in open court?

g. What factors do you consider when deciding where a potential juror should respond?

12. Do you have an established standard for excusing prospective jurors for “undue hardship?”

a. What criteria do you use to decide whether a prospective juror’s financial concerns rise to the level of “undue hardship?”

b. What criteria do you use to decide whether a prospective juror’s employment concerns rise to the level of “undue hardship?”

c. What other factors do you consider in the decision to excuse a juror for “undue hardship?”