

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

ORDER

Appropriate public notice and an opportunity for comment having been given, pursuant to a majority vote of the active judges of this court;

IT IS ORDERED that effective December 1, 2014 the Local Civil Rules of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana are hereby amended as follows:

LR 47.5 Interviewing Jurors

- (A) A juror has no obligation to speak to any person about any case and may refuse all interviews or requests for comments.
- (B) ~~No person may make repeated requests to interview or question a juror after the juror has expressed a desire not to be interviewed.~~ Attorneys and parties to an action, or anyone acting on their behalf, are prohibited from speaking with, examining or interviewing any juror regarding the proceedings, except with leave of court. If leave of court is granted, it shall be conducted only as specifically directed by the court.
- (C) ~~Except by leave of court granted upon motion for good cause shown, no attorney or party to an action or anyone acting on their behalf may examine or interview any juror. Any juror who consents to be interviewed must not disclose any information concerning:~~
- ~~(1) The specific vote of any juror other than the juror being interviewed;~~
 - ~~(2) The jury deliberations; or~~
 - ~~(3) Evidence of improprieties in the jury's deliberations, except as to whether (a) extraneous prejudicial information was improperly brought to the juror's attention; (b) any outside influence was improperly brought to bear upon any juror; or (c) there was a clerical mistake in entering the verdict on the verdict form.~~

No person may make repeated requests to interview or question a juror after the juror has expressed a desire not to be interviewed.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 17th day of November, 2014.


SARAH VANCE, Chief Judge