

IADC NATIONAL JURY TRIAL INNOVATIONS PROJECT

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Wyoming Jury Innovations

1. Note Taking

N/A

2. Juror Handbooks/Notebooks

N/A

3. Juror Questions and Questioning of Witnesses

N/A

4. Juror Pay/Compensation

Number of jurors; fees and mileage

Trial juries in circuit courts shall be composed of six (6) persons. Trial juries in civil cases and all other proceedings in the district courts except criminal cases shall be composed of six (6) jurors unless one (1) of the parties to the action files a written demand for twelve (12) jurors within the time a demand for jury may be filed, in which event the number of jurors shall be twelve (12). Jurors in all courts shall be allowed the same fees and mileage as jurors in district court.

Wyo. Stat. § 1-11-119 (2004)

Mileage rate

For each mile actually and necessarily traveled in going to and returning from the place of trial they shall receive mileage at the rate set in W.S. 9-3-103 when the distance traveled exceeds five (5) miles.

Wyo. Stat. § 1-11-302 (2004)

Amount of fees

Effective July 1, 1984, jurors shall receive thirty dollars (\$30.00) for each full or part day of actual attendance. A juror in attendance for more than five (5) consecutive days, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, may, in the discretion of the court, be allowed an additional twenty dollars (\$20.00) per day for each day actually in attendance.

Wyo. Stat. § 1-11-303 (2004)

5. Alternate Jurors

N/A

6. Discussions pre-deliberation

N/A

7. Deliberation

Further information after jury's retirement

After the jurors have retired for deliberation, if there is a disagreement between them as to any part of the testimony, or if they desire to be informed as to any part of the law arising in the case, they may request the officer to conduct them to the court where information upon the matter of law shall be given. The court may give its recollection as to the testimony on the points in dispute, in the presence of or after notice to the parties or their counsel.

Wyo. Stat. § 1-11-209 (2004)

8. Length of Service

N/A

9. Length of Time Restrictions on Trials

N/A

10. Judge's Responses to Jury Questions

N/A

11. Jury Size

Number of jurors; fees and mileage

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12. Number of Jurors Needed to Return a Verdict

N/A

13. Juror Admonition

Admonition to jurors when permitted to separate

If the jurors are permitted to separate during the trial or after the case is submitted to them, they shall be admonished by the court that it is their duty not to converse with nor allow themselves to be addressed by any person on any subject of the trial, and that they are not to form or express an opinion until the cause is finally submitted to them.

Wyo. Stat. § 1-11-208 (2004)

14. Jury Nullification

N/A

15. The Use of Plain English

N/A

16. Absence of the Jury

N/A

17. Jury Instructions

N/A

18. Child-Care for Jurors

N/A

19. Jury Room

N/A

20. Accommodation

N/A

21. Juror's Bill of Rights

N/A

22. Materials Permitted in Possession of the Jury

N/A

23. Various Rules

N/A

24. Various Recommendations

N/A