

## **ARTICLE 9: TRIAL PRACTICE**

### **9.00 RESERVED**

### **9.01 JURY SELECTION**

(a) Statement of the Nature of the Case: In all civil jury cases, the plaintiff's attorney will prepare and submit to the Court and to each opposing party a Statement of the Nature of the Case for use at voir dire. The statement will include the time, date and location of the alleged transaction or occurrence giving rise to the lawsuit; a brief description of the alleged transaction or occurrence; the name and city of residence (or business) of each of the parties involved and of their attorneys; and a list of the names and residence communities of witnesses whom the parties expect to call. Opposing counsel may suggest amendments to the statement.

(b) Voir dire examination of prospective jurors will be pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 234. Trial counsel shall submit topics or questions pertaining to unconventional or sensitive matters to opposing counsel and to the Court in advance of trial.

*Amend. by Gen. Order 01-11, eff. June 20, 2001; Gen. Order 08-04, eff. May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008*

### **9.02 STIPULATIONS**

(a) Proposed stipulations for use at trial will be in writing, signed by the parties or their attorneys and filed in the cause unless the Court directs otherwise.

*Amend. by Gen. Order 90-10, eff. Dec. 14, 1990 ; 01-11, eff. June 20, 2001; Gen. Order 08-04, eff. May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008*