

**Note:** The following checklist is excerpted with permission from Robert L. Jaskulski, “Jury Selection,” chapter 3 of Eric L. Andrews et al., [Wisconsin Trial Practice](#) (3d ed. 2013-14). For a thorough analysis of each step, including applicable cross-references, please see the discussions in that chapter.

***Checklist: Preparing for the Voir Dire Examination***

- Find out as much as possible about local court practices and the judge’s preferences.
  - Research local court rules.
  - Talk with local counsel.
  - Talk with the trial court clerk.
  - Schedule a pre-voir dire conference.
- Gather as much information as possible regarding prospective jurors.
- Develop profiles of the types of jurors who would and would not be advantageous to the case.
- Plan voir dire questions with care to reflect the theme for the case, and to identify jurors who fit the preferred profile.
- Prepare an outline of the voir dire questions.