

Introduction to Wymore Jury Selection Durham, North Carolina Nov. 7 , 2025

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9:00 - 9:15	Register
9:15 - 10:00	Introduction to Wymore Jury selection
10:00 - 10:15	Break
10:15 - 10:45	Case study
10:45 - 11:15	Good facts/bad facts
11:15 - 12:00	Demonstration on a life juror and a killer.
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch (on your own)
1:30 - 2:30	Jury selection by participants
2:30 - 2:45	Break
2:45 - 4:15	Jury selection by participants

What will be covered during each session:

The first session introduces the participants to the Wymore method of selecting jurors in a capital case where the government is seeking the death penalty for your client.

The second session is a case study. A fictional set of facts describes a murder and describes the life of the person charged with the crime.

The third session reviews the case study facts and selects the good facts you want to tell the jury and selects the bad facts you want the jury to know about.

The fourth session is a demonstration of questioning a potential juror who you want to keep on your jury.

The fifth session is a demonstration of questioning a potential juror who you do not want to keep on your jury.

The last two sessions allow the participants to practice jury selection using the Wymore method, with critique.

5 hours CLE credit is pending approval. If you want CLE credit the State Bar will bill you for the CLE.

NOTE: This is a free seminar. It is limited to attorneys who handle capital murder cases.

NOTE: No reimbursement is allowed for mileage or lodging. This seminar is designed for local NC attorneys who can drive to Durham, NC and return on the same day.

Similar seminars have been and will be held in other areas in North Carolina. If you are not close to Durham, feel free to attend but you will not be reimbursed for travel and lodging. That allows us to offer the seminar free.