

EDNC Judicial Policy regarding *Voir Dire* and Transcripts

During the general session of the August 15, 2008 EDNC bench conference:

“The court agreed that when court reporters produce transcripts, the entire *voir dire* and jury selection process is to be routinely sealed. This means from the very beginning of the Court’s interactions with the potential jurors up through and including the actual naming of the final jurors (and alternate jurors), with the sealed portion of the transcript to terminate at the point on the proceedings where the jury is actually seated and the Court’s preliminary instructions of the attorneys’ opening statements begin.”

This policy was affirmed by the approval of the bench conference minutes.