## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

## Notice of Proposed Amendment to the Local Criminal Rules for the Eastern District of Louisiana

Pursuant to Rule 83 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Public Notice is hereby given of proposed amendment to the Local Criminal Rules of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. LCrR 23.2 will be added and shall read as follows:

## **LCrR 23.2 Interviewing Jurors**

- (A) A petit or grand juror has no obligation to speak to any person about any case and may refuse all interviews or requests for comments.
- (B) Attorneys and parties to an action, or anyone acting on their behalves, are prohibited from speaking with, examining or interviewing any juror, except after obtaining leave of court granted upon motion for good cause shown. If leave of court is granted, any such communication must be (a) limited to what is admissible under Federal Rule of Evidence 606(b), (b) conducted only as specifically directed by the court, and (c) occur only in the presence of the court.
- (C) No person may make repeated requests to interview or question a juror after the juror has expressed a desire not to be interviewed. Under no circumstances, except as provided in Federal Rules of Evidence 606(b)(2) in an inquiry conducted under court supervision, may a juror disclose any information concerning:
  - (1) Any statement made or incident that occurred during the jurors' deliberations;
  - (2) The effect of anything on that juror's or another juror's vote;
  - (3) Any juror's mental processes concerning the verdict or indictment; or
  - (4) The specific vote of any juror other than the juror being interviewed.

Comments may be made in writing via email to Clerk@laed.uscourts.gov or addressed to Clerk of Court, U.S. District Court, EDLA, 500 Poydras St., Room C-151, New Orleans, LA 70130 by July 19, 2014.