

# SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

## MARGARET B. SEYMOUR

### JURY LISTS AND QUESTIONNAIRES

- **JURY LIST.** A copy of the jury list will be available from the Clerk of Court seven (7) working days prior to jury selection.
- **JUROR QUESTIONNAIRES.** Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 47.02, this district requires jurors to complete an extensive juror questionnaire. A sample Juror Questionnaire is available on the district's web site ([www.scd.uscourts.gov](http://www.scd.uscourts.gov)). The juror questionnaire is intended to: (1) provide more thorough information to counsel than would otherwise be available and ; (2) minimize the time necessary to conduct *voir dire*.

The completed juror questionnaires are available for purchase at Franklin's Printing, 114 Washington Street, Columbia, SC 29201 (803-252-6310) beginning seven (7) working days prior to jury selection. Copies will also be available for review in the Clerk of Court's office during the same period. To protect the privacy of jurors, prior approval must be obtained on a JURY QUESTIONNAIRE REQUEST FORM to secure the questionnaires. See Local Civil Rule 47.02

### STRIKING THE JURY

If you intend to request to strike any juror for cause based on responses to the juror questionnaires, you must submit a list of the intended strikes to the court **no later than 12:00 noon two (2) business days prior to the date set for jury selection**. Attached is a REQUEST TO STRIKE JURORS FOR CAUSE FORM which you may use for this purpose. This form may be completed by hand, but must contain all requested information. It is also available in a fillable PDF format on the district's web site ([www.scd.uscourts.gov](http://www.scd.uscourts.gov)) in Judge Seymour's calendar attachments. Please note: this form should be e-filed but should not contain the juror's name.

To speed the jury selection process, any jurors who appear on the strike-for-cause lists of both sides of any case for the same grounds may be excused/stricken prior to reporting for jury selection. In order for this process to work effectively, **all requests to strike jurors for cause must be timely submitted.**

