

IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
SALT LAKE, SUMMIT, AND TOOELE COUNTIES, STATE OF UTAH

IN RE: JURY SELECTION	STANDING ORDER Presiding Judge Adam T. Mow
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In recent years, the Third District Court implemented several changes to the jury selection process, including the use of detailed juror questionnaires and virtual jury selection. On September 26, 2023, then-Presiding Judge Laura S. Scott issued a standing order regarding virtual jury selection.

The Third District Court will now implement a process that permits both in-person and virtual jury selection. Therefore, this Standing Order supersedes the order of September 26, 2023, for jury selections scheduled to occur after January 1, 2027. The order of September 26, 2023, applies to jury selections scheduled to occur prior to January 1, 2027.

A criminal case having a felony offense of the first or second degree that is categorized in the Utah Adult Sentencing, Release, & Supervision Guidelines as a Person, Sex Offense, or Death is eligible for election of in-person jury selection. At the time the trial is first scheduled, the prosecution or the defense may irrevocably elect, on the record, to in-person jury selection. The failure to make an election at the time the trial is scheduled will result in virtual jury selection. However, if an in-person jury selection is continued, the parties may stipulate to virtual jury selection for the continued trial setting.

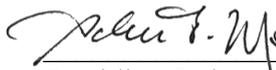
The Third District can conduct no more than three in-person jury selections per day. A judge may not reserve one of the in-person jury selections for a day until an eligible case is being scheduled for trial.

Virtual jury selection will be used for all jury selections occurring prior to January 1, 2027, for criminal cases not specified above as eligible, and for all civil cases.

For a criminal case that is not eligible for in-person jury selection, a party may file a motion for in-person jury selection at least 21 days prior to the case being scheduled for trial. The motion must articulate why the case or the needs of the party are unique to merit in-person jury selection. The assigned judge must promptly forward the motion to the Presiding Judge for decision. The assigned judge may not schedule a trial in the case until the motion is decided.

SO ORDERED.

March 9, 2026



Presiding Judge Adam
Third District Court

