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OUR NEW NEWSLETTER!

We're sending our new newsletter to you because we care about your family's security and well-being.

In each issue, we'll give you information to help keep you and your family safe and healthy. Our newsletter will suggest protective steps to reduce the chances of harm or injury in your car, at home, at work, at school, or at play. We'll also update you about legal issues and cases you'll find helpful and which can improve everyday living.

Should you or a loved one suffer personal injury—and find you need us—you'll learn a lot here about what your legal options and remedies may be.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter. We have prepared it with the same personal and professional touches that you feel when you visit our practice. We also thank those who ask us to represent their legal needs and those who recommend us to others. We hope you'll share this information with friends and neighbors.

Arizona leads the nation in jury reform

Most personal injury and accident cases can be settled without the parties actually going to court. However, a number of cases, good and bad, are taken to trial before a jury of eight "impartial" jurors. The Arizona courts have taken the lead in making that process as efficient as possible.

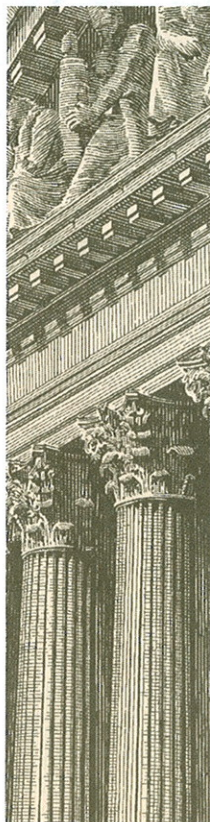
The most important change is that Arizona allows jurors to discuss the case as the case progresses so long as the jury is all together; the new rules also encourage jurors to submit questions to witnesses as the case proceeds. Previously, the rule in Arizona was that jurors could not talk about the case until they were finished hearing all the witnesses, and then they met in secret to discuss the case and make their final decision. Prior to that, most courts also followed the rule that jurors could only hear what the attorneys wanted them to hear and could not ask any questions.

The judges and the jury members who have been in cases using these new rules have all been very much in favor of the changes. They have reported that the new rules help a jury in understanding the case while at the same time not reaching a decision until the case is over.

Many states are now considering these and other changes made in Arizona with the idea of making jury service more rewarding for all participants.

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