

# Voir Dire: Expanding the Strike Zone

Hon. Randy Wilson  
157<sup>th</sup> Dist. Court



## The PI Auto Voir Dire

- Typically abbreviated time
- Need to efficiently ask your questions
- So don't go through the old hackneyed process of going down the row and trying to think of something to talk about to each juror

## **The Biggest Mistakes I See**

- Omitting critical questions
- Asking the wrong side's questions
- Arguing your case

## **Must Cover Certain Issues— Background Facts**

- Know the parties, lawyers, other jurors?
- Know the witnesses, experts, doctors?
- Know the intersection?
- Who has sued or been sued?
- Tort reform? Too many lawsuits?
- Jurors and immediate family with legal experience
- Jurors and immediate family with medical experience
- Be sure and cover retired and unemployed jurors

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