

Criminal Trials

The Court does not require submission of briefs in a criminal trial unless it is a bench trial. The Court requires submission of witness lists by all parties in criminal trials, and the witness list is disclosed to the jury during *voir dire*. The Court will generally urge the Government to disclose *Jencks* materials in advance of trial. The Court does not have a general procedure for handling multi-defendant criminal "mega trials." In multi-defendant criminal cases, the Court allocates peremptory challenges on a case-by-case basis. The Court will not permit jury questionnaires to be submitted to the venire in advance of jury selection for counsel's use in exercising peremptories and challenges for cause except in very unusual circumstances upon motion. The Court uses a peremptories alternate challenge and the two-pass rule. The Court follows the same procedures relative to jury selection in criminal trials as it uses in civil trials.