

RULE 3.371 | JUROR QUESTIONS OF WITNESSES

(a) Judicial Discretion. At the discretion of the presiding trial judge, jurors may be allowed to submit questions of witnesses during the trial.

(b) Procedure. The trial judge shall utilize the following procedure if a juror indicates that the juror wishes to ask a question:

- (1) the questions must be submitted in writing;
- (2) the trial judge shall review the question outside the presence of the jury;
- (3) counsel shall have an opportunity to object to the question outside the presence of the jury;
- (4) counsel shall be allowed to ask follow up questions;
and
- (5) the jury must be advised that if a question submitted by a juror is not allowed for any reason, the juror must not discuss it with the other jurors and must not hold it against either party.

