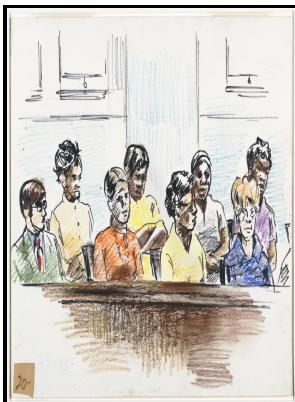


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As noted in section 1. Preliminary results from the project suggest that in the mock jury study, the RTV improved juror comprehension, but only after deliberation. Note-taking did not improve comprehension, which is unsurprising, but 92 per cent of those who took notes reported that they found it to be helpful and this figure was far higher than for any of the other innovations that were tested.

What Analogies Can I Use to Explain My Case to a Jury?

Compare this to Ellsworth's study, where the jurors did not have written directions.

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The trial reconstruction was a relatively realistic one, lasting for two hours and filmed using professional actors working from a script adapted from a real trial. The main reason for doing so is that it might help jurors to remember the evidence. NLR does not answer legal questions nor will we refer you to an attorney or other professional if you request such information from us.

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Sand and Reiss found likewise, although the number of criminal trials in their sample where pre-instruction was used was very small there were only four of them and three involved the same judge, so little reliance can be placed on this.

Helping Jurors Understand Technical Concepts

Early knowledge of the theme will inspire jurors to then take the time to decipher more intricate details in the case. As the authors themselves recognise, however, the study does have a number of limitations, most notably that the manner in which the information was presented greatly oversimplified the way in which information would be presented in a real trial.

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The inherent complexity of the conspiracy direction may also have been an issue. Expert witnesses often have the ability to learn to give better testimony, as well.

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There are, however, a number of possible difficulties. This suggests that transcripts do not confer any advantages over more simplified written materials such as a timeline which was used in this case.

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