

CHAPTER 12

OATHS AND AFFIRMATIONS
TO BE ADMINISTERED ORALLYEXAMINATION OF PROSPECTIVE JURORS

Do you swear or affirm that you will honestly answer any questions asked of you during jury selection? [Jury Rule 13]

GRAND JURORS

You, and each of you, do solemnly swear or affirm that you will diligently inquire and make true presentment of all offences committed or triable within this county, of which you have or can obtain legal evidence; that you will present no person through malice, hatred, or ill-will, nor leave any unrepresented through fear, favor or affection, or for any reward, or the promise or hope thereof, but in all your indictments, you will present the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth; that you will not disclose any evidence given or proceeding had before the grand jury; that you will keep secret whatever you or any other grand juror may have said or in what manner you or any grand juror may have voted on a matter before the grand jury. [IC 35-34-2-3]

JURORS - FOR TRIAL

Do you solemnly swear (or affirm) that you will well and truly try the matter in issue between the parties; and give a true verdict according to law and evidence? [IC 34-36-3-6]

WITNESS

Before testifying, a witness must give oath or affirmation to testify truthfully. It must be in a form designed to impress that duty on the witness's conscience. [Rules of Evidence 603]

AFFIRMATION

Do you affirm, under penalty of perjury, that you will testify to the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth in the cause now in hearing before the court and the jury?

INTERPRETER

Do you solemnly swear (or affirm) that you will justly, truly, and impartially interpret to _____ the oath about to be administered to him (her), and the questions which may be asked him (her), and the answers that he (she) shall give to such questions, relative to the cause now under consideration before this court so help you God (or under the pains and penalties of perjury)? [IC 34-45-1-5]

DEPOSIT OF OATHS

A copy of the oath required for circuit court clerk, officers of a political subdivision or school corporation shall be deposited by the person in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of the county containing the greatest percentage of the population of the political subdivision or school corporation.

Circuit court clerks will also maintain the oaths of deputy prosecuting attorneys that reside in or serve in the county. [IC 5-4-1-4]