

Those who are selected as jurors in this case will resolve the dispute between the parties by deciding the facts in the case.

In order for a juror to perform his or her job, the attorneys play an important role. Our jury trial is sometimes called an adversarial process. Each lawyer represents their clients and acts as their advocates. Lawyers will vigorously present their claims and defenses to you the jury. The lawyers will ask you questions during jury selection. Once the trial starts, the lawyers will present witnesses, make objections and make arguments to you. You will see and hear the evidence, through this process. Each attorney involved in this case owes a high degree of duty and dedication to their client. It is the responsibility of each attorney to present to you the relevant evidence that is most favorable to their client. It is necessary that we operate this way so that you can do your job and make your decision after you have heard all of the evidence in the case.

As the judge I will manage the trial. I rule on legal objections and give you the law that you need to decide the case.

When the attorneys, the judge and the jury carry out their respective duties faithfully, our adversary system of justice will work as it was designed and as it has worked well for over 200 years as a way to find the true facts in a case. Each of us, you the jury, the lawyers, and me, the judge play an important part in this great system that is guaranteed by our constitution.