

BAILIFF's and JURY DELIBERATIONS

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We recently received an inquiry from a court asking about each court's practice with respect to bailiffs during jury deliberations. I have posted the questions below. If possible, please let us know your court's practice in regard to this matter.

We'd like to find out what your court's practice with respect to bailiffs during jury deliberations:

1. Where does the bailiff stay during deliberation? Outside the jury room? In another room?
2. How does the bailiff communicate with and monitor the jury?
3. Does your court use any sort of technology to monitor and communicate with the jury such as a telephone, intercom, or video camera?

1	Rebecca Hayes	Monterey 1. The bailiff stays in the adjacent courtroom and currently communicates via telephone/cell phone. We are moving into our renovated courthouse starting next week and our new courtrooms and jury deliberation rooms will have dedicated 2-way communication capabilities. 2. See above 3. See above
2	Sherry Spears	Fresno 1. Usually they are in the courtroom. 2. The jurors can press a "call" button that lights up in the courtroom clerk's offices and the courtroom. The clerk or the bailiff will escort/lead the jurors to and from the room as needed. 3. No
3	Diane Collins	Mendocino 1. Where does the bailiff stay during deliberation? Outside the jury room? In another room? We have a small room right outside the deliberation room separated from the jury by a locked door. 2. How does the bailiff communicate with and monitor the jury? The bailiff or the jury knocks on the door when they need to communicate. 3. Does your court use any sort of technology to monitor and communicate with the jury such as a telephone, intercom, or video camera? No.
4	Diana Gifford-Tuggle	Shasta 1. The sworn bailiff remains in the courtroom. 2. The jury can contact the bailiff via a dedicated telephone line. They need only to pick up the phone and it rings directly to the bailiff. Should the bailiff need the jury for any reason, they can go to the jury door and knock (the bailiff carries a key to the jury room during deliberations). 3. Telephone only, we do not use camera's in the courtrooms.
5	Debbie Cravea	Napa 1. They remain in the courtroom 2. They are provided a phone to contact the bailiff 3. Phone
6	Margaret Sackrider-White	Alpine is the same as San Joaquin