

FULLY INFORMED JURY

In December 2018 I was called for jury duty in a local district court. Even though I am fully informed regarding the rights of a jury, including the right of jury nullification, as opposed to the actual practice in the courts I decided that I would just go and say nothing unless I was asked a question.

As it turned out, the defendant failed to appear so the entire jury pool was released without having any questions asked of anyone. But I was able to keep the pamphlet we were all given entitled – “A Juror’s Guide to Washington’s Courts” – a copy of which is attached at the end of this document.

The attached copy has several colored lines and boxes that highlight what I think are the most disturbing parts of these jury instructions. But before I can illustrate why they are so disturbing, I must first present the history of jury nullification.

Way back in Merry Olde England, a peasant was brought before the court for stealing a loaf of bread to feed to his starving family. The Court and the prosecutor insisted that the jury find the defendant guilty, but the jury refused!! The jury felt that he was not a criminal deserving of imprisonment, but a family man risking his liberty to feed his family and the jury could not convict him based on their own potential proximity to the same circumstances and fate. That is exactly what is meant by a “jury of your peers”.

The judge put the entire jury in jail for contempt of court. A few days later, after a public outcry, the judge released both the jury and the defendant from jail and the result is the right of a jury to vote their personal values rather than be obligated to rubberstamp any court dictated decision that offended those personal values.

That is historical fact, folks. Here is a somewhat different perspective on the same subject.

In exactly the same way that voters can create legislation via the voter initiative right, jury members are entitled to UNCREATE legislation that offends their personal values by way of a jury verdict. THAT IS THE POWER OF A JURY!!!

In the current system of “checks and balances” regarding abuse of government power by its agents, the rights of jury members is just another one of those balancing acts. The legislature and the courts can collude to reduce the exercise of our “inalienable rights”, but the moment that conspiratorial attempt at suppression gets in the hands of a jury of the public, that jury has the absolute power to cancel that suppression by rendering a verdict that nullifies and voids such suppression as effectively as a decision from the Supreme Court.

So back to the colored lines and boxes on the attached jury instructions.

Unfolding the pamphlet, the first page has the front flap on the right side of the page. The second sentence is – “The judge’s job is to decide the law.” Based on the disclosure about jury nullification above, that statement blatantly robs the jury of its real source of power – nullification of the law based on personal values.

Turning the pamphlet over, the other side has multiple causes for concern.

The center of the middle fold states – “even checking a dictionary for the meaning of a word is not allowed.” Excuse me, but how in the hell is a jury member to be able to understand all the legal jargon that is used without having access to a dictionary of some sort to translate the legal jargon in terms a layperson can easily understand?

The most disturbing section in this entire pamphlet is the second sentence in the first paragraph on the top of the right side fold on this second page. It states – “Remember, it is your duty to accept what the judge says about the law to be applied in the case.”

Sorry, folks, the ONLY word I know in the English language for that sentence is BULLSHIT!!!! And by bullshit I mean “affirmative misrepresentation” – which is stating something is true when you know that it is not TRUE!!

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The blue boxes now become relevant as the large box indicates the parties that are responsible for this bunch of outrageous bullshit and the small box shows how long this version of that bullshit has replaced the “rule of law” without any modifications!!!

This pamphlet is “prepared” by the same two associations that cover the entire spectrum of superior, district and municipal judges in Washington State. And exactly who is the party that most benefits from refusing to acknowledge the true power of the jury? Why, of course, it is all the superior, district and municipal judges in Washington State!! Can you say “conflict of interest”? All the judges are colluding to prevent juries from becoming fully informed about their rights as a jury member.

In fact, “A Fully Informed Jury” is the most commonly used name for the rights of a jury to nullify law based upon personal values alone. Without being fully informed about the extent of their rights as a jury AND allowed to exercise those rights, a jury is just a puppet of the court and the prosecutor and are following the courts instructions. As such there is no need for any jury to be present in the court except to rubberstamp and continue the farce that is the legal system at the present time.

This is so much of an issue for the courts that when an individual even mentions the words “jury nullification” the courts are likely to disqualify not only that individual who expressed those words but also the entire jury pool is dismissed as having been “tainted” by the knowledge of exactly jury rights as those rights are actually defined.

Attorneys do not mention “jury nullification” because that is considered to be an affront to the courts and attorneys need to be “an officer in good standing” with the court in order to even be an attorney. So the personal interests of attorneys have a higher priority than the rights of a jury to vote their personal values. As do the personal interests and egos of judges and other individuals that are threatened by the power of a jury to vote their personal values.

Collusion and conspiracy between all the major players in actively suppressing that knowledge amounts to special interests conflicting with “inalienable rights” and those special interests are the exact parties tasked with protecting those rights. But as long as such special interests are the courts themselves it is foolish to expect the courts to actually discipline themselves at the expense of the advantage gained by that suppression.

The phrase that is touted as being the origin of all political power is as follows –

“All power resides in the people.”

The problem is that history clearly indicates that every so often a popular revolution is necessary to re-implement the principles of individual rights being the superior rights with no exceptions. And unless the people actually take it upon themselves to exercise their power in unison upon occasion that unified “people power” becomes fragmented deliberately by the government into apparently opposing factions that cannot combine to effectively exercise that combined power.

The experiment I was contemplating performing when I was called for jury duty was to see if I could get a seat on the jury even though I was “fully informed” or if I would be dismissed the moment those words left my mouth. But circumstances removed that experiment from the agenda. But the ongoing issue of active collusion and suppression of “inalienable rights” *by the entire range of judges* is still reflected in the pamphlet I was given as a potential juror!!

And that suppression needs to be addressed and obliterated and the only way to do that is to educate every potential jury member as to their rights as jury members. As mentioned previously, jury nullification goes back so far in legal terms that it is classified as “common law”. It is such a basic UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHT that it is not even codified, as in written into a statute or regulation of some kind.

But that right is still SUPERIOR to the imagined rights of the courts and its judges to attempt to suppress that right and knowledge of that right!! But it is the people who need to insist on exercising that right over that suppression!!