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# Impact of the Pandemic on the Jury Pool and Jurors’ Attitudes and Behaviors 

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This presentation will focus on current affairs as they relate to jury selection. It will provide an
overview of four main areas, including the COVID-19 pandemic, female jurors as they relates to talcum powder use, the current racial strife, and manufacturers removal of talcum products midlitigation.

## I. Impact of the Pandemic on the Jury Pool and Jurors' Attitudes and Behavior

II. Keeping Snakes Out of the Jury Box: An Analysis of the "Reptile Method" and Tips to Defeat It

