

## Juror Decision Making Informed Consent Form

You are being asked to participate in a study conducted by Krystia Reed, a senior Psychology Legal Studies Major at Claremont McKenna College. The purpose of this study is to better understand the way jurors make decisions in criminal cases.

During this study you will be asked to read a transcript of a case regarding armed robbery. You will then be asked to render a verdict in the case and fill out a questionnaire assessing your perceptions of the case and the participants in the trial. Your participation is expected to take about 45 minutes to 60 minutes of your time.

**Potential Risks & Benefits:** You will be asked to read a trial transcript of a case regarding armed robbery. If you become anxious due to the information presented in the case summary you may stop participation at any time. You may feel uncomfortable with some of the questions you are asked, such as your perceptions of the participants in the trial. If you would prefer not to answer any question at any time, you may skip the question entirely. If you become bored or feel as if your eyes are strained you should take a break or discontinue participation. In the event that you experience discomfort, Claremont College students can contact the Monsour Counseling Center (909-621-8202) and non-Claremont College participants can seek counseling through the American Psychological Association (800-964-2000).

If you are enrolled in a lower-division psychology class and have signed up through Sona Systems, you may receive 1 research credit for your participation. A potential benefit of the study is that you will learn about juror decision making. This study, through your participation, has the potential to add to current knowledge in the area of psychology and law.

**Voluntary Participation:** Your participation is completely voluntary. Your decision of whether or not to participate will in no way affect your current or future relationship with students, faculty, or staff on campus. You have the right to withdraw from the research at any time and to refuse to answer any question(s) for any reason, without penalty.

**Confidentiality:** Your individual privacy regarding participation will be kept confidential. Your responses to the questionnaire will be kept separate from any identifying information at all times. Data will not be analyzed at the individual participant level and any data presented will be presented as group data.

**For Additional Information:** If you have any questions or would like to obtain a copy of the findings from this research, please contact Krystia Reed (KReed10@cmc.edu) or her faculty supervisor, Dr. Jennifer Groscup (JGroscup@scrippscollege.edu; 909-607-0913). The Claremont McKenna College (CMC) Institutional Review Board has approved this project. For questions about your rights as a research participant you may contact the chair of CMC's IRB, Michael O'Neill at 909-607-8336, or via email at moneill@cmc.edu.

Please print a copy of this consent form for your records and contact Krystia Reed if you have any questions prior to participating.

By clicking “I agree” below, I am indicating that I am 18 years or older. I am also verifying that I understand the above information and I have received information about the benefits and risks of the research. I voluntarily consent to participate in this research.