

381.490 Inquest -- Proceedings -- Duty of court.

The court shall swear the witnesses, preside over the inquest and trial, decide all matters of law, preserve order, and may adjourn from day to day until the jury has completed the inquest. In case the jury first summoned fails to attend, or, after being sworn, fails to agree and render their verdict, the court shall summon another jury, on a day to be named in his mandate in writing. The court shall make out and return to the clerk's office from which the writ issued, a complete record of the proceedings before him, together with the original writ, the verdict, and assessment of the jury, certified by him. Either party shall have the right of challenge to the jurors allowed in civil cases, and any deficiency in the jury may be supplied by summoning others.

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