**13-104A. Voir dire orientation statement.**

 The case which you are about to try is a civil case, not a criminal case. It is a lawsuit filed by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, who is the plaintiff, against \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, who is the defendant.

 In this case the plaintiff \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (*Incorporate UJI 13-302A-E NMRA. See exemplars, Appendix 1 of this chapter.*)

USE NOTE

 Settlement of the statement of the case at pretrial conference should serve as a worthwhile vehicle to identify issues and instructions that will govern the course of litigation and trial. No specific format is required, and the detail used in any statement of the case will depend upon the practice of the court and the multiplicity of claims and defenses.

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