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Since 2005, Patricia Steele has been conducting jury research and developing detailed trial strategies for major corporations, national law firms and state prosecutors. She also provides witness preparation and assistance with jury selection. Prior to becoming a trial consultant, Steele was a successful civil litigator and an award-winning television news producer. She received her J.D., *cum laude*, from Georgetown University Law Center and thereafter practiced law in Los Angeles. She is a former member of the American Inns of Court and served as Special Counsel to the Warren Christopher Commission. Patricia also earned an MFA from UCLA's graduate film program, where she was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship in journalism. As a television news producer, her work appeared on NBC, ABC and PBS and won both Emmy and Associated Press awards.

Education

- J.D., *cum laude*, Georgetown University
- M.F.A., UCLA Film Program, Fulbright Scholar
- B.S., *magna cum laude*, Communications, Suffolk University

Professional Experience

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| 2008- | Senior Consultant
Litigation Insights
Overland Park, KS/San Francisco, CA |
| 2005-2008 | Senior Consultant
Varinsky Associates
San Francisco, CA |
| 1996-2005 | Investigative Journalist
Projects included:
PBS – <i>California Connected</i>
ABC – <i>20/20</i>
NBC/San Francisco – <i>About Race</i> (Peabody award-winning series)
NBC/Los Angeles – <i>Special Projects Producer</i> |

- 1995 Thesis Research
J. William Fulbright Scholar (Journalism) – Australia
- 1990-1994 Attorney
O’Neill, Lysaught & Sun
Los Angeles, CA
Civil and criminal litigation with emphasis on trial practice. Also served as Special Counsel to the Independent Commission on the LAPD (Warren Christopher Commission)
- 1988-1990 Attorney
O’Melveny & Myers
Los Angeles, CA
Civil litigation with primary emphasis on matters for entertainment industry

Selected Articles, Publications and/or Presentations

- Steele, P., Chaber, M. & Levin, M. (2016). Reporter’s View of Trial Consulting. *Presented to ASTC 35th National Conference*, Redondo Beach, CA.
- Steele, P. (2015). [Do Jurors Really Follow the Jury Instructions?](#) *Insights*.
- Nemecek, J & Steele, P. (2014). [How to Preserve Confidentiality in Mock Trials or Focus Groups](#). *Insights*.
- Steele, P. & Rowland, C.K. (2013). Litigation Practice Group Seminar – Jury Research and Theme Development, Witness Preparation, Jury Selection and Shadow Jurors. *Presented to Freeborn & Peters, LLP*.
- Steele, P. (2013). [How to Deal with Limited Voir Dire](#). *Insights*.
- Steele, P. (2012). Best Practices in Jury Research. *Presented to International Association of Defense Counsel Mid-Year Meeting*.
- Steele, P. (2011). [Jury Selection Logistics: Developing a System](#). *Insights*.
- Steele, P. (2010). Jury Selection in High Profile Prosecutions. *Presented at Los Angeles County District Attorney Seminar on High Profile Prosecutions*.
- Steele, P. (2006). [To Deal Better with Juries, Stop Thinking Like a Lawyer!](#) *Defense Comment*

Professional Memberships/Awards

- Member: American Society of Trial Consultants
- Fellow, Annenberg Institute for Justice and Journalism
- Associated Press Television & Radio Award, Best Investigative Journalism
- Emmy Award, Best Health Reporting