Reading Assignment 4

Read “Anatomy of a Jury Challenge” and “What are the Chances of That?!?” and answer the following questions.

1. How is a jury usually chosen? Do defendants have a right to a demographically balanced jury?

2. What is a jury challenge? What evidence is needed to prove that the jury selection procedure has failed?

3. In Indiana, are there specific rules governing the jury selection procedure? How does the system work in Indiana?

4. What problems arose in the Indiana system? What statistical justifications were given to these problems?

5. How were weighted averages used to show that the proportions representing the different counties were not accurate?

6. What probabilities were given for having at least one African-American on the jury of 12 randomly selected from the jury venire? (Give both the incorrect and corrected values, explaining the difference.)