

CONFIDENTIAL QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PROSPECTIVE JURORS

Name _____

Age _____

Are you a U.S citizen? _____

[This trial is expected to last X weeks, although it could last slightly shorter or longer. If the length of trial would cause a significant, unavoidable hardship, please explain the nature of the hardship. You should understand that simple inconvenience is not grounds for disqualification from jury duty.] *[for use with trials longer than 1 week]*

1. List all cities or suburbs where you have lived for the last ten years, with the current one first (if Chicago, please identify what part of Chicago, for example, South Side, Rogers Park, etc.): _____

2. Do you own your home or rent it? _____ Have you ever obtained a mortgage in connection with the purchase of property? _____ If so, when? _____

3. What is your current occupation and employer, and how long have you worked there? _____

4. What other jobs and employers have you had during your work life? _____

5. If you are married, describe your spouse's occupation, employer, and number of years worked there (if spouse is retired, please so state and give this information about past employment). _____

6. Please provide employment information for (a) others who live with you, and (b) any adult children (**even if not living with you**): _____

7. What is your level of education/degrees, and where obtained if beyond high school? _____

8. What is your primary source of news? _____

9. What are your hobbies? _____

10. What organizations you belong to or participate in? _____

11. Have you, a close friend or family member ever applied for a job with, or worked for, a governmental entity (state, federal, city or county), or any police or law enforcement agency? _____ If yes, please identify your relationship to that person. _____ What position? _____

12. Do you have family members or friends who are police officers or work for a police department/other law enforcement organization? _____ What department? _____ Do they discuss their work with you? _____ How would that affect your role as a juror in a criminal case? _____

13. Do you have any friends or family members who are federal law enforcement agents (e.g., FBI)? _____ If so, please describe, and state whether anything about your relationship with that person would impact your ability to judge a federal agent's actions in this case: _____

14. Do you have a family member or close friend who is a lawyer specializing in criminal law, either as a prosecutor or defense attorney? _____

15. Have you or anyone close to you ever been a witness or victim of a crime (including but not only fraud, theft, or embezzlement)? _____ If yes, please describe and state when it took place: _____

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16. Have you ever been questioned as part of a criminal investigation by any federal, state or local law enforcement agency (give details)? _____
17. Have you, a member of your family, or close friend ever been arrested, charged, or convicted of any criminal offense other than a traffic offense? _____ If yes, please indicate: (a) the individual's relationship to you _____; (b) the nature of the offense for which the person was arrested, charged, or convicted _____; and (c) the disposition of the charge (i.e., dismissal, imprisonment, probation, fine, etc.): _____
18. If you answered yes to questions 16 or 17, state whether this experience left you with a negative, positive, or neutral impression of judges, the judicial system, prosecutors and defense attorneys. _____
19. Have you, a family member, or a friend ever hired an attorney? _____; Been involved in a lawsuit? _____. Nature of attorney matter or lawsuit and your (his/her) involvement? _____
20. Do you have any family members or close friends who are attorneys? ____ Please describe: _____
21. List what you watch, listen to, and/or visit regularly in the following categories: (a) television programs (b) radio, internet programs, podcasts (c) internet sites: _____
22. Do you have any education, training or experience in bookkeeping or accounting? ____ Ever hired or worked with a bookkeeper or accountant? _____ Please describe: _____
23. Have you ever had a dispute with a business that provided services to you? ____ Please describe: _____
24. At various times during the case, the Court will instruct you about the applicable law. It is your obligation to follow the Court's instructions about the law, whether you agree with the law or not. If you were to find that you disagreed with the law as given to you by this Court, would you nonetheless be able to follow that law and reach a verdict by applying that law to the evidence? _____
25. Do you hold any religious, philosophical, moral, or other beliefs that would make it difficult for you to judge the conduct of another person? _____
26. Do you assume that if a person is charged with a crime, that person must have done something wrong? _____
27. Do you have any concern about your ability to follow the rule that the defendant is presumed to be innocent throughout the trial? _____
28. Do you have any concern about your ability to follow the rule that a defendant must be found not guilty if the prosecution fails to prove the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt? _____
29. Do you have any concern about your ability to follow the rule that a defendant must be found guilty if the prosecution proves defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt? _____
30. A defendant is not required to present any evidence because the burden of proof rests with the prosecution. Do you have any concern about your ability to follow the rule that a defendant is not required to present any evidence in his defense? _____
31. Is there anything that comes to mind that could make you either consciously or subconsciously feel strongly for or against either party, or affect your ability to be fair and impartial in this case?-_____ [If the answer is yes, we will ask you to further explain outside the presence of other jurors.]

32. Is there anything that has not been asked that you think might be important for the Court to know about you in relation to this case? _____