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Questions for Prospective Jurors
Judge Sara L. Ellis

Thank you for serving in the jury pool for the United States District Court. The following questions will be asked of each of you by Judge Sara L. Ellis to elicit some basic information about you. The Judge and/or the lawyers may ask additional questions. If you are uncomfortable answering any question in open court, please indicate to the Judge and she will speak with you privately with the attorneys. Your cooperation and participation in this important process is greatly appreciated.

1. Your full name, spell the last, and age.
2. City of residence for the last 5 years (not the address). If you live in Chicago, identify the area of the city.
3. Marital status (single, married, divorced, widowed).
4. Whether you have children (number of children, ages, and occupations).
5. Education (level of school, degrees).
6. Military service, if any (branch, years of service, rank, duties, type of discharge).
7. Your employment for the last 5 years (employer and job description).
8. Employment for the last 5 years of persons living with you:
spouse;
children;
parents;
roommates;
others.
9. Outside interests and hobbies; favorite TV and radio shows, newspapers and magazines; sources of news.
10. Whether you have served on a jury before; when and what kind of case; whether a verdict was reached (but do not disclose what the verdict was).
11. Have you or a close friend or member of your immediate family been a party to or a witness in a civil lawsuit, administrative action or criminal case (other than a routine traffic case)? If so, the type of proceeding(s), date(s), and nature of your involvement (plaintiff, defendant, witness, crime victim, etc.).
12. Have you had any experience, either favorable or unfavorable, with any federal, state, or local law enforcement agency that might prevent you from being a neutral juror in this case?
13. Would you give more weight to the testimony of a law enforcement officer over that of another witness simply because he or she is a law enforcement officer?

14. Do you expect the defendant to testify in this case? The defendant is presumed innocent of the charge against him, and the government has the burden of proving the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. The defendant does not have to prove his innocence or testify. If the defendant does not testify, would that affect your decision in this case?
15. Do you hold any philosophical or religious beliefs that would prevent you from sitting in judgment of another person or company?
16. Is there anything about this case, the identity or status of the parties, or anything else you've seen or heard today that would impair your ability to be a neutral juror?
17. Is there anything else about you, your job, your schedule, or your life that you have not told us today that would impact your ability to serve as a juror in this case?