

CONFIDENTIAL JUROR QUESTIONNAIRE

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of Judge Keri Holleb Hotaling and her staff, welcome to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. We sincerely appreciate your participation as a prospective juror and hope you find the experience to be rewarding. Whether or not you are selected as a juror in this case or another in the building, you are an important part of our system of justice.

Below please find a confidential questionnaire. Only the judge, her staff, lawyers involved in the case, and the parties will have permission to see your answers. All copies will be destroyed after the trial. These questions are intended to focus on your ability to be objective and free of prejudice from the issues in controversy, the parties, and their attorneys. Thus, it is important for you to advise Judge Holleb Hotaling of anything which will adversely affect your ability to serve as a juror in this case. Honesty and candor are crucial to a fair trial. There is blank space at the end of this questionnaire if you need additional room to explain any of your answers.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

INITIAL QUESTIONS

1. Full Name: _____

2. This trial is expected to last from **START DATE** through **END DATE**. Is there any reason you cannot be available for the duration of the trial? If yes, briefly describe the difficulties of your situation. We may later question you privately about these circumstances.

3. Do you suffer from any hearing difficulties or other health problems you believe might interfere with your ability to be a juror? If so, please briefly describe the nature of your problem. We may later question you privately about these circumstances.

4. Do you have any language comprehension or speaking difficulties you believe might interfere with your ability to be a juror? If so, please briefly describe the nature of your problem. We may later question you privately about these circumstances.

5. Are you able to read, write, and speak in English? _____

6. Please list the cities or suburbs where you have lived for the last ten years (if Chicago, please identify what part of Chicago, for example, South Side, Rogers Park, etc.):

PLEASE COMPLETE QUESTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE

7. Do you own your home or rent it? _____
8. Level of education/degrees: _____
9. Your occupation, name of your employer, and number of years employed there (if retired or unemployed, please describe your last employment):

10. What other jobs have you had during your working life? Any military service?

11. Do you have any legal training or experience, either from formal classes or through experience on-the-job? If yes, please describe.

12. If you are married, describe your spouse's occupation, employer, and number of years (if spouse is retired, describe past employment):

13. If you have any grown children, please list their age, occupation, and employer:

14. Please list the occupation and employer for others who live with you (for example, parents, roommates):

18. Please identify the sources you use to obtain information regarding news, politics and current events (e.g., newspapers, specific websites, cable news, radio stations, etc.).

19. Do you have prior jury experience in federal court, state court, or on the grand jury? If yes, please describe where, when, and type of case. (DO NOT disclose the verdict.) Did you ever serve as the foreperson?

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20. Have you or any close friends or family members been involved in a civil or criminal legal proceeding (excluding divorce)? If so, please identify the person(s) involved and the outcome of the litigation.

21. Have you ever testified in court or in a deposition? If so, please describe.

22. Do you belong to any religious, political, social, or civic organizations? If so, describe your activities.

26. Do you have any opinions about civil lawsuits for monetary damages, either pro or con?

27. Do you believe the filing of a lawsuit automatically means a plaintiff (*i.e.*, the filer of a lawsuit) has been wronged and is entitled to recover from a defendant (*i.e.*, the person or company being sued)?

28. Have you heard anything about this case before today? If so, please explain.

31. Is there anything about the nature of this case that might make it difficult for you to be fair to either the plaintiffs or the defendants in this case? If so, please explain.

INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY BE PRESENT FOR TRIAL

The following individuals may be present during of the trial of this matter. The Court is trying to be thorough during this stage of the potential juror screening process; you should make no inferences if any of these individuals are ultimately not present at trial.

Please circle anyone below who you believe you may be familiar with/have had any dealings with. Please also circle anyone you believe your family or friends may be familiar with/have had dealings with.

PLAINTIFFS:

PLAINTIFFS' COUNSEL:

DEFENDANT:

DEFENDANTS' COUNSEL:

EXPERT WITNES

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