

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, WESTERN DIVISION  
MAGISTRATE JUDGE P. MICHAEL MAHONEY**

**PROCEDURE FOR EXAMINATION OF JURORS IN A CIVIL CASE**

A jury is a cross-section of society and not a test of citizenship. Your selection or rejection as a juror may have nothing to do with you personally. It may be that there is somebody of a similar background who has already been selected to be a juror. Or one of the parties may believe that someone of your background would not accept some of the arguments that they are making.

1. The lawyers and parties will be introduced. Does any prospective juror know any of the parties, their attorneys or the parties' or attorneys' families?
2. The Court will read a summary of the case which will explain in simple terms the nature of the case, and give some limited details of where and when the occurrence at issue took place. From the brief information that the court gives you, has any prospective juror ever heard of or read about this case?

3. Is there anything about the nature of the case, as it has been described to you, that would make it difficult for you to be fair to both sides.
4. The trial of this case will last about four (4) days. Will this fact make it impossible for you to be a juror and be fair to both sides?
5. The judge will then read a list of potential witnesses. Are you acquainted with any of these witnesses?
6. Do you have any physical condition or is there anything going on in your life right now which would hinder your ability to serve as a juror in this case?
7. Is there any reason that you know of why you could not be a fair and impartial juror in this case?
8. What is your name and age.

9. Your address, how long have you lived there, and all other addresses you have lived at for the last ten years.
10. Where were you born and raised?
11. What is your marital status? Who, if anyone, including children, lives with you. If you have children living with you, please list their names and ages.
12. List your educational background.
13. Were you in the military?
14. Where are you currently employed, what do you do, and how long have you been employed there?
15. Be prepared to discuss your employment for the last ten years.
16. What is your spouse's (if applicable) employment for approximately the last ten years?

17. If your children are employed, even if they have left the home, what is their present place of employment, and what do they do?
18. Have you had any prior juror experience?
19. Have you or your family members been involved in a lawsuit?
20. Will you follow the instructions of the law that the judge gives you whether or not you agree with those instructions?
21. Do you have any friends or relatives on any police department, sheriff's department, or law enforcement service?