



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

HON. ROBERT M. DOW, JR.

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
219 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604

U.S. District Court Judge

Dear Prospective Juror:

On behalf of Judge Robert M. Dow, Jr. and our staff, I welcome you to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Very shortly you will be examined by Judge Dow as to your qualifications to serve as a juror. All of these questions are intended to focus on your ability to be objective and free from any prejudice about the issues in controversy, the parties and their attorneys. Thus, even if the individual questions may not specifically cover some issue that in your judgment could (or would) adversely affect your ability to serve as a juror in this case, it will be extremely important for you to advise Judge Dow of anything of that nature before the questioning process ends. Remember that honesty and candor are crucial to a fair trial.

During the questioning period, Judge Dow will first ask each of you to stand (beginning with the first juror to be called) and to please provide him and the parties' lawyers with the following information.

1. Your name (it is unnecessary to spell your name if the spelling on your juror's card, as read by me, is correct).
2. If you are not a Chicagoan, the name of the city, village or town in which you live; or if you are a Chicagoan, the section of the city in which you live (in either case, you do not have to give your street address). Also, give us any other places where you have lived in the past 5 years. Do you rent or own?
3. Extent of your formal education (that is, how far you went in school) and military service, if any. If your military discharge was anything other than an honorable one, please advise.
4. Your employment or self-employment information for the past 10 years, including:
 - (a) name and place of employment (or self-employment),
 - (b) general nature of your employer's (or your own) business, and

- (c) title of your position, or a very brief general description of your work activities and responsibilities.
5. Other family and employment information:
- (a) If married, your spouse's name and the same employment (or self-employment) information as listed above for the past 10 years.
- (b) If you have children, their names and ages and the same employment (or self-employment) information during the past 10 years for each of them, and if any of them are married, the same employment (or self-employment) information about each daughter-in-law or son-in-law.
- (c) If any other adult lives in your household (any parent, grandparent, brother or sister, fiancée or fiancé, girlfriend or boyfriend, or anyone else), the same employment (or self-employment) information about each such person during the past 10 years.
6. Whether you have ever sat on a jury before, and if so, whether that jury reached a verdict in the case (do not say, please, what the verdict was). Please also explain whether any prior jury service related to a civil or criminal case.
7. Your major outside interests or hobbies--things that you spend a great deal of time on outside of work. This can also include favorite types of books, newspapers, or television programs.

After you and the other prospective jurors have provided this general background information, Judge Dow will tell you a bit about the case and will then proceed with some further questions.

Theresa Kinney
Courtroom Deputy Clerk to
Honorable Robert M. Dow, Jr.