

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
GENERAL ORDER 13 - 0015**

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF  
TEXAS AT AUSTIN TO ACCESS RECORDS OF THE EXPIRED 2009 MASTER JURY  
WHEEL UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 1868

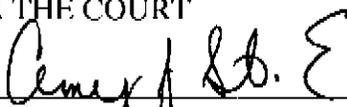
IT APPEARING THAT, through a letter to the Clerk of Court dated July 15, 2013 (which is attached to this General Order), the Department of Sociology of the University of Texas at Austin has requested access to the records of the Court's expired jury wheels; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT THE University of Texas' July 15, 2013 letter constitutes a "petition . . . in writing setting forth the reasons for requesting access" in compliance with § 10(b) of the Court's *Plan for Random Selection of Jurors* (rev. 2012); and

IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT the University of Texas is requesting access to expired master jury wheel records for the purpose of "commencing a research study aimed at documenting the racial, ethnic, and gender profiles of modern American federal jury pools" in compliance with 28 U.S.C. § 1868;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Clerk shall make available to the University of Texas' designated representative the AO-12 forms for the 2009 jury wheel for the Eastern and Western Divisions in effect from April 2009 through February 2011.

ENTER:  
FOR THE COURT

  
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Acting Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 17 day of September, 2013



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

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July 15, 2013

Stankey J. Roszkowski United States Courthouse  
Attn: Clerk of the Court  
327 South Church Street  
Rockford, IL 61101

Dear Clerk of the Court:

The University of Texas is commencing a research study aimed at documenting the racial, ethnic, and gender profiles of modern American federal jury pools. As the lead scholar on this project, I am writing to ask you for what I hope will constitute quick and easy assistance to our project.

We are requesting a copy of any AO12 forms from prior jury wheels that may still be on file in your courts. It is our understanding that 28 U.S.C. §1868 requires the Clerk of the Court to maintain custody of "all records and papers compiled and maintained by the jury commission or clerk before the master wheel was emptied" for at least four years, and to make these documents available for public inspection. As this is a national study, we are seeking to compile this information from all federal court districts, not just yours. If you have any questions for me at this time, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We are happy to receive information in whatever manner is easiest for you. We can take a pdf email attachment (my email address is below); a fax, directed to my attention, at: 512-471-1748; and we are also enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope in case you prefer that method.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary R. Rose".

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