

**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR
PROSPECTIVE JURORS**

Dear Potential Juror:

You have been summoned as a potential juror in the case of **CASE NAME AND NUMBER**. In order to streamline the process of jury selection, this questionnaire has been prepared. Although there is not a great deal of space for your answers, please do your best to write legibly so that we can read your answers.

We will be using your answers in the process of jury selection. For this reason, it is very important to be truthful in answering the questions. In fact, you will be required to swear under oath that your responses are truthful, accurate, and complete. These questionnaires will be used by the Court and the lawyers, but are otherwise confidential. They will be collected after jury selection and destroyed. Some of the questions on this questionnaire may require you to disclose sensitive information on private matters. You must answer all of the questions on the questionnaire. However, if during the jury selection process you wish to be questioned about a particularly sensitive or private matter outside the presence of the other jurors, you can let me know that and we will accommodate such requests.

Thank you for your time and for your service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Cummings". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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**STANDARD CONFIDENTIAL QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PROSPECTIVE
JURORS IN A CIVIL TRIAL**

QUESTIONS

1. Full name.
2. Age.
3. List all cities or suburbs where you have lived for the last ten years, with the current one first. (If Chicago, please identify which area/neighborhood of Chicago.)
4. Do you own your home or rent it?
5. Marital status.
6. If you have children, please describe them as follows. (Include children who do not live with you.)

<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Does child live with you?</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
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7. State your current occupation and any other employment going back 10 years, including name of employer(s), nature of work and title of position(s), and length of time with each employer.
8. State the current occupation (and prior jobs going back 10 years) of your spouse/partner and any other adults in your household.
9. What is your level of education/degrees? If your education extended beyond high school, where did you obtain your post-high school degree(s)?

10. Have you or your spouse/partner served in the military?

___ Yes ___ No

If yes, please list the branch, years of service, highest rank achieved, duties, and nature of discharge.

11. What is your primary source of news?
12. What TV, radio, podcast, or internet shows do you watch, read, or listen to?
13. What are your hobbies and major outside interests?
14. List any organizations you belong to, participate in, or volunteer for (political / union / professional / church / social / fraternal). Include any social media groups which you belong to or follow.
15. Do you have any bumper stickers, flags, or signs displayed on your car or home or in your yard?

___ Yes ___ No

If yes, please describe them.

16. Have you, or has any close friend or relative, had any legal training (including law courses, paralegal program, or on-the-job training)?

___ Yes ___ No

If yes, please explain.

17. Do you know any lawyers, judges, or court personnel?

___ Yes ___ No

(a) If yes, list their names and describe their relationship to you.

(b) Do any of the individuals identified above practice in the area of personal injury law?

___ Yes ___ No

(c) If yes, have they discussed with you anything which would impact your ability to serve as a fair and impartial juror in this case?

___ Yes ___ No

18. Have you, a family member, or a close friend ever hired an attorney or been involved in a lawsuit?

___ Yes ___ No

If so, what is the nature of the attorney matter or lawsuit and your (his/her) involvement?
(Use space on next page.)

19. Do you have prior experience as a witness in a court hearing, trial, or sworn deposition?

___ Yes ___ No

If yes, please describe.

20. Do you have prior jury service experience (federal and state cases, civil and criminal cases, as well as grand jury)?

___ Yes ___ No

(a) If yes, please describe as follows:

Civil or Criminal Charges/Allegations When Where Did the jury reach a verdict (yes/no)

(b) Have you ever served as a jury foreperson?

___ Yes ___ No

(c) How did you feel about your experience as a juror?

(d) Was there anything about your experience as a juror which makes you not want to serve again?

(e) Were you contacted or interviewed by anyone concerning your jury experience after the conclusion of the case?

___ Yes ___ No

If yes, by whom were you contacted?

21. Do you believe that simply because an individual files a complaint, he/she is entitled to prevail?

___ Yes ___ No

22. Do you believe that simply because an individual who has been sued denies the allegations, the individual who filed the complaint is not entitled to prevail?

___ Yes ___ No

23. At various times during the case, the Court will instruct you about the applicable law. It is your obligation to follow the Court's instructions about the law, whether you agree with the law or not. If you were to find that you disagree with the law as given to you by this Court, would you nonetheless be able to follow that law and reach a verdict by applying that law to the evidence?

___ Yes ___ No

24. Do you hold any strong religious, philosophical, or moral beliefs that make it impossible for you to serve as a juror?

___ Yes ___ No

If yes, please explain. (Please note that simply being uncomfortable judging another

person does not excuse you from jury duty.)

- 25.** Is there anything else bearing on your qualifications to serve as a juror in this case that you think that the Court should know?

___ Yes ___ No

If yes, please explain.

- 26.** This case is scheduled to conclude on or before <INSERT DATE>. Would jury service cause you an extreme hardship? (Examples of extreme hardship include pre-paid travel arrangements or a scheduled medical procedure that cannot be rescheduled. The inconvenience of having to find someone to cover you at work or to cover child-care does not qualify as an extreme hardship.)

___ Yes ___ No

If yes, please explain in detail.