

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PROSPECTIVE JURORS

Name: _____

Age: _____

Are you a U.S. Citizen? _____

[This trial is expected to last X weeks. If the length of the trial would cause a significant, unavoidable hardship, please explain in detail the nature of the hardship. You should understand that simple inconvenience is not grounds for disqualification from jury duty] *[for use with trials longer than 1 week]*

1. List all 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.): _____

2. Do you own your home or rent it? _____

3. Have you or a close relative ever served in the military? If so explain. _____

4. Your level of education/degrees, and where obtained: _____

5. What is your current occupation and employer, and how long have you worked there?

6. What other jobs and employers have you had during your working life? _____

7. Please provide employment information for your spouse or any others who live with you, and any adult children (**even if not living with you**): _____

8. Do you regularly read any magazines or newspapers (whether in print or online)? If so, what are they? _____

9. Do you regularly watch or listen to television or radio news programs? If so, who are your favorite hosts? _____

10. What are your hobbies? _____

11. What social, civic, religious, profession, or other organizations do you or have you participated in? What is or was your role in the organization? If you no longer participate, why? _____

12. Are you acquainted with any of the following individuals: [NAME PARTIES] If so, please state the nature and extent of your relationship. _____

13. Do you know or have you ever had any dealings with the following law firms or attorneys: [NAME FIRMS and LAWYERS]? _____

14. Have you, your friends or family members worked for the [DEFENDANT] or any other governmental entity (state, federal, city or county)? If yes, please identify your relationship to that person. What was their position? _____

15. Are any of your close family members or friends lawyers? If so, what type of law do they practice?

16. Do you have any friends or family members who are police officers? If so, is there anything about your relationship with that person which would impact your ability to judge a police officer's actions in this case? _____

17. Do you belong to or support any organization, which favors changing the law in order to limit an injured victim's right to recover? If so, what organization(s)? _____
18. Have you or any close family had any interactions with police on a professional level? If so, please explain, including whether that interaction positive, negative, or neutral? _____
19. Do you have any feelings or opinions regarding law enforcement or police officers that could affect your ability to be fair to all parties in this case? If yes, please explain. _____
20. Have you or a close friend or close relative ever been arrested, charged with a crime, or convicted of a crime? Please provide details, and state whether that fact would affect your ability to be fair to either side in the case. Follow-up questions can take place outside the presence of other jurors, if you prefer.
21. Have you or a close friend or close relative even been the victim of a crime? If yes, please explain. _____
22. Have your or a close friend or close relative ever witnessed a crime? If yes, you will be asked to explain during later questioning. _____
23. Do you have any philosophical or religious beliefs that would prevent you from sitting in judgment of another person? _____
24. Do you watch any TV programs or Internet programs or shows about police investigations or the court system? If so, which programs? _____
25. Have you or a close friend or member of your family ever applied for a job with or worked for a police department, law enforcement agency, or security related business? _____
26. Have you ever studied criminal justice or taken any law enforcement trainings or classes? _____
27. Do you or any of your close family members or friends belong to or work with any neighborhood watch groups or any groups that focus on crime prevention or enforcement of the law? _____
28. A law enforcement officer's testimony is not entitled to any greater or lesser weight, simply because they are law enforcement officers, than any other witness. In general, would you be inclined to give greater, lesser, or the same weight to the testimony of a law enforcement officer than you would to an ordinary citizen? _____
29. Do you believe that people should have the right to sue police officers and be awarded monetary compensation if the evidence shows that their rights have been violated by police officers? _____
30. Are you willing to fully compensate the plaintiffs for the damages requested if the evidence shows that the plaintiffs' rights have been violated, and will you base any award of damages on the evidence in this case and not on sympathy? _____
31. Similarly, if Plaintiffs fail to prove the things they are required to prove under the law, can you put any feelings of sympathy aside and send the Plaintiffs away with no money? _____
32. Have you or any of your family or close friends ever been involved in a lawsuit? If so, what was the nature of the lawsuit and your involvement if any? Were you satisfied with the outcome? _____
33. Have you or a family member ever testified in court, or in a deposition? _____
34. Have you ever served on a jury before? If so, what type of case was it? Did you reach a verdict? Were you the foreperson for that jury? _____

35. Are there any facts or circumstances you believe that the court or the parties should know that might affect your ability to serve as a fair and impartial juror in this case?
