

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
WESTERN DIVISION**

JUDGE FREDERICK J. KAPALA

PROCEDURE FOR EXAMINATION OF JURORS IN A CRIMINAL CASE

United States District Judge Frederick J. Kapala will examine you concerning your qualifications to serve as jurors. You are to truthfully and completely answer each question asked of you. It is important that each juror be fair and impartial in the case called for trial. Accordingly, the purpose of the court's questioning is to bring to the attention of the court and counsel any potential bias or prejudice of a juror and to provide as much information about a juror as possible in the selection process.

The following is a list of questions which normally may be asked of the jurors either as a whole or individually. Please read these potential questions so that you may be prepared to answer and disclose any matter relevant to the inquiries. The court may not ask all of these questions and may ask additional questions not listed below.

1. The lawyers, the defendant and any other person at counsel table will be introduced. Does any prospective juror know any of these persons?
2. The jurors will be read a short statement of the nature of the case. From the brief information I have given you, has any prospective juror ever heard or read of this case?
3. Is there anything about the nature of this case as I have described it to you that would make it difficult for you to be fair to both sides?
4. This is a criminal case. The defendant is presumed innocent, he does not have to prove anything or offer any evidence. The government must prove him guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. Does anyone disagree with those principles?
5. The trial in this case will last about ____ days. Will this fact make it impossible for any prospective juror to be fair to both sides in this case or to serve as a juror?
6. A list of potential witnesses will be read. Is any juror acquainted with the potential witnesses?
7. Does any juror have any physical condition which might hinder his or her ability to serve as a juror in this case?
8. Does any juror have any personal, moral or religious belief that would prevent you from determining the guilt or innocence of a person accused of a crime?

9. Is there any juror who for some reason believes he or she could not be a fair and impartial juror in this case?

10. Your name and age.

11. The city or town where you presently reside, how long you have resided there, and where else you have resided in the last 10 years.

12. Where were you raised?

13. Marital status?

14. Children? If so, sex, age and if living with you?

15. Educational background?

16. Any military service?

17. Your present employer, where located and your job title (if retired or unemployed, how long, and employment previous to that)?

18. How long worked at present employment and any other employment during the last 10 years?

19. Spouse's present employment (or employment of any other person residing with you)?

20. Children's present employment?

21. Have you ever been an officer or employee of the United States Government? Has any immediate family member?

22. Any prior jury experience in criminal or civil cases?

23. Have you or an immediate family member ever served as a law enforcement officer?

24. Any close friends in law enforcement?

25. Have you or any member of your family been a victim of a crime (whether person later charged or not)?

26. Have you or a family member been a witness in a criminal case for the prosecution or the defense?

27. Have you or any family member been charged with a criminal offense other than a traffic offense?

28. Have you or any family member ever been involved in litigation with the Federal Government

or any Federal agency?

29. What clubs or organizations do you belong to?

30. Have you or an immediate family member had any encounter with a law enforcement officer that would affect your ability to be a fair and impartial juror in this case?

31. Will you follow all the instructions of law I give you whether you agree with them or not?

32. Can you think of any other question which I have failed to ask which may have some bearing on your ability to serve as a fair and impartial juror?