

## **STANDARD VOIR DIRE QUESTIONS IN JURY TRIALS BEFORE JUDGE MARTIN**

1. Your name and age.
2. The community or neighborhood (not the street address) and any other places where you have lived in the past 10 years.
3. How long you have lived in your current home, and whether you rent or own your home.
4. Where you were raised.
5. How far you went in school, including where you attended high school, college, and any post-graduate institution.
6. Whether you have served in the military, and if so, the branch of service, the years that you served, your highest rank and nature of discharge.
7. Your employment or self-employment information for the past 10 years, with such details as:
  - (a) the name and place of your employment or self-employment;
  - (b) your title and a description of your work responsibilities;
  - (c) length of time of your employment, self-employment or unemployment.
8. Other family and employment information:
  - (a) Your marital status.
  - (b) If married, your spouse's name and the same employment (or self-employment) information as listed above for the past 10 years.
  - (c) 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 is married, the same employment (or self-employment) information about each daughter-in-law or son-in-law.
  - (d) If any other adult lives in your household (any parent, brother, sister, fiancé, boyfriend or girlfriend or anyone else), the same employment (or self-employment) information about each such person during the past 10 years.
9. Your major outside interests or hobbies -- things that you spend significant time doing outside of work (e.g., clubs, groups, watch TV).
10. Membership in any organizations (work-related, social, civic, community, etc.).
11. What types of things you like to read, including what magazines and/or newspapers you subscribe to or read regularly. If you read books, what types of books do you read?

12. What TV shows you watch regularly.
13. Whether you have any legal training or experience, either through formal classes or experience on-the-job.
14. Any prior jury experience in federal court, state court or on the grand jury, including what court, when, type of case, and outcome of case.
15. Whether you have ever been a party to a civil lawsuit, other than a divorce case: have you, a relative or close friend have ever sued someone or been sued? Include any lawsuit that you have been involved in related to your employment or occupation.
16. Whether you have ever been a defendant or a witness in a criminal case.
17. Any prior experience as a witness in any court, hearing or deposition.
18. Whether you have any problems seeing or hearing or any medical problems of any kind that could interfere with your ability to serve as a juror.
19. Whether you need any accommodations (physical or otherwise) to enable you to serve as a juror.
20. Whether you are aware of any facts or circumstances that might affect your ability to be objective and fair to both sides in the case.
21. Whether you have any philosophical, religious or other beliefs that would prevent you from rendering a verdict in this case.
22. Whether you, any family member, or any close friend are now or have ever been an attorney, a law-enforcement officer, a correctional officer, an investigator for any agency or corporation, a paralegal, a judge, or a member of any courtroom staff or courthouse personnel.