

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS 219 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604

Chambers of Judge Andrea R. Wood

## Dear Prospective Juror:

On behalf of Judge Andrea R. Wood and our staff, I welcome you to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Very shortly you will be examined by Judge Wood about your qualifications to serve as a juror. All of these questions are intended to focus on your ability to be objective and free from any prejudice about the issues in controversy, the parties and their attorneys. Thus, even if the individual questions may not specifically cover some issue that in your judgment could (or would) adversely affect your ability to serve as a juror in this case, it will be extremely important for you to advise Judge Wood of anything of that nature before the questioning process ends. Remember that honesty and candor are crucial to a fair trial.

During the questioning period, Judge Wood will first ask each of you to stand (beginning with the first juror to be called) and to please provide her and the parties' lawyers with the following information:

- 1. <u>Name</u>. State your name. It is unnecessary to spell your name if the spelling on your juror's card, as read by me, is correct.
- 2. **Residence**. If you live in Chicago, describe the section of the city in which you live. If you do not live in Chicago, state the name of the city, village or town in which you live. (Please do <u>not</u> provide your street address.) Also, list any other place(s) where you have lived in the past 5 years. Do you rent or own your home?
- 3. <u>Education</u>. Describe the extent of your formal education (that is, how far you went in school) and military service, if any. If your military discharge was anything other than an honorable one, please advise.
- 4. **Employment**. Describe your employment or self-employment information for the past 10 years, including: (a) the name and place of employment (or self-employment), (b) the general nature of your employer's (or your own)

business, and (c) the title of your position or a very brief description of your work activities and responsibilities.

- 5. **Family**. Provide other family and employment information as follows:
  - (a) if married, your spouse's name and the same employment (or self-employment) information as provided for yourself for the past 10 years;
  - (b) if you have children, their names and ages and the same employment (or self-employment) information for the past 10 years for each of them and, if any of them are married, the same employment (or self-employment) information about each daughter-in-law or son-in-law; and
  - (c) if any other adult lives in your household, the same employment (or self-employment) information about each such person for the past 10 years.
- 6. **Prior Jury Service**. State whether you have ever sat on a jury before and, if so, whether that jury reached a verdict in the case. (Please do not say what the verdict was.) Also explain whether any prior jury service related to a civil or criminal case.
- 7. <u>Interests and Hobbies</u>. List your major outside interests or hobbies things that you spend a great deal of time on outside of work. This may include any club or team of which you are a member or your favorite types of books, movies, newspapers or television programs.

After you and the other prospective jurors have provided this general background information, Judge Wood will then proceed with some further questions.

Thank you for your service.

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Honorable Andrea R. Wood