IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

IN RE: NOTICE REGARDING THE RANDOM SELECTION OF GRAND AND PETIT JURORS	)))	**GENERAL ORDER: 09-1**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1861, all litigants "have the right to grand and petit juries selected at random from a fair cross section of the community." The court uses a two-step process to select jurors. First, a master jury wheel is created by selecting names at random from the registered voter lists in each gubernatorial general election as maintained in the books or lists of (1) the office of the County Clerk in each county, (2) the office of the City Clerk in those cities which have separate registration lists or (3) the office of the State Board of Elections of the State of Illinois. Then names are randomly drawn periodically from the master jury wheel to receive juror qualification questionnaires. Individuals' answers to these questionnaires determine whether they are legally qualified to serve. If so, the names of those persons are put on a second wheel, a qualified jury wheel. As prospective jurors are needed for a specific trial or grand jury, juror summonses are sent to persons randomly selected from the qualified wheel. All of these selections are carried out through a properly programmed electronic data processing system for pure randomized selection. The pure randomized process ensures that the mathematical odds of any single name being picked are substantially equal.

Entered this 20th day of January, 2009.

s/ Michael P. McCuskey

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