

JUDGE SCHANZLE-HASKINS' PROSPECTIVE  
JUROR QUESTIONS IN CRIMINAL CASES

1) State your name and area of the district in which you live.

2) What is your occupation during the past five years? What is the address of your present employer? Are you married?

3) If married, what is your spouse's name and your spouse's occupation during the last five years?

4) Do you have children? What are their ages? What schools do they attend? If applicable, what are their occupations?

I WILL NOW ASK ALL OF YOU A SERIES OF QUESTIONS THAT ARE DIRECTED TO THE ENTIRE JURY PANEL. IF YOU HAVE AN AFFIRMATIVE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND AND THE COURT WILL MAKE FURTHER INQUIRY. *(Note: If positive answer, refer to juror by name or number.)*

5) This case is expected to take \_\_\_\_ days to try.

Will that fact present a special problem to any member of the panel? This case will start on \_\_\_\_\_.

6) Is there any member of the panel who has any special disability or problem that would make serving as a member of this jury difficult or impossible?

7) Is there any reason you can't give your full attention to this case?

8) Have any of you served before as a grand juror or trial juror?

a) If yes, what type of service?

b) Have you served as a juror in a criminal case?

c) Did anything occur in any of those cases

which might influence your judgment in this case?

9) Have any of you had legal training? If yes, what type? Have you ever used that training?

10) Have you, or has anyone in your immediate family, ever participated in a lawsuit as a party, or in any other capacity? If yes, please go into details. Will that experience affect your ability to be a fair and impartial juror?

11) Have you, or has any member of your family, ever been the victim of a crime?

12) Have you, or has any member of your immediate family, or a close personal friend, ever been prosecuted for a criminal offense?

13) Have any of you, or any family member, or close personal friend, ever worked for, or applied to work for, any law enforcement agency, prison, or any other Federal governmental agency?

14) Do you have any bumper stickers on your car?

What do they say?

15) Do you know anything at all about the facts of this case?

16) Have you heard or read of this case before in the newspaper, on television, or on the radio or in any other manner?

17) Do any of you know any of the attorneys involved in this case?

18) Do any of you know any of the persons at the counsel tables?

19) Do you know any court personnel in the courtroom?

20) Does anyone know any of the potential witnesses from the witness list I read earlier?

a) If yes, which witness?

- b) How do you know them?
- c) What is your relationship to this witness?
- d) Can you still be fair and impartial?

21) Do any of you have any prejudice for or against a case of this type?

22) Do you have any prejudice for or against a person simply because that person is accused of a crime?

23) Is there any reason you can't give your full attention to this case?

24) The Defendant is presumed to be innocent. Do you have any problem with that principle of law?

25) The government has the burden of proving each element of the offense charged beyond a reasonable doubt. Do you have any problem with the concept of reasonable doubt, or the government's burden of proof?

26) Your function as a juror is to decide the facts of the

case based upon evidence presented in this courtroom, and to apply the law as provided by the Court. Do you have any problem with that concept?

27) The Court will provide you with instructions regarding the law, and you must follow the law even if you disagree with it. Do any of you have a problem with following the law, even if you disagree with it?

28) A Defendant in a criminal case need not testify or provide any proof whatsoever. You may not consider in any way that the Defendant did not testify or present evidence. Do you have any problem with that principle of law?

29) Under the laws of the United States, all people, regardless of their race are entitled to equal treatment under the law. Defendant in this case is \_\_\_\_\_. Would the fact that the Defendant is \_\_\_\_\_ keep you from being a fair and impartial juror in this case and deciding the

case only on the law and facts as presented during the trial?

30) Do any of you think you cannot put aside any sympathy or prejudice you may have and decide based upon the facts and the law?

31) Is there any reason at all why you couldn't be absolutely fair to both sides in this type of case?

32) Is there any reason you cannot resolve this case based upon your own independent judgment, and return a verdict to the Court which truly reflects your own thinking in this case?

33) Knowing your own mind as only you can, is there any reason why you would not be willing to select a person like yourself to sit as a juror in this case?

*The Court has reviewed the proposed voir dire questions submitted by counsel (if any), and will ask those the Court deems relevant.*

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