

JURY PANEL QUESTIONNAIRE

PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. IF YOUR ANSWER TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS IS “YES”, PLEASE BRING SUCH ANSWER(S) TO THE COURT’S ATTENTION IF AND WHEN YOU ARE CALLED TO THE JURY BOX.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ANSWER ANY OF THE QUESTIONS OUT OF THE PRESENCE OF THE OTHER JURORS, PLEASE LET THE JUDGE KNOW.

1. **HARDSHIP:** Would serving on this case cause you very serious hardship? Please consider whether you can make arrangements to avoid or minimize the hardship before asking to be excused.
2. **ANY REASON AS TO WHY YOU MIGHT NOT BE FAIR TO BOTH SIDES:** Both the plaintiff and the defendant have the absolute right to a fair and impartial jury. Is there any reason that might make it doubtful for you to be a completely fair and impartial juror in this case? If there is, it is your duty to disclose the reason at this time.
3. **FAMILIARITY WITH CASE:** Are you acquainted with the defendant, anyone involved in this case, or any of the attorneys? Do you live near or have occasion to frequent the area involved in this case? Have you ever heard or read anything about this case prior to coming to court today?
4. **COURT CONNECTIONS:** Have you or any of your close friends or relatives had any connection with the court system?
5. **REQUIREMENT TO FOLLOW THE JUDGE’S INSTRUCTIONS:** Do you understand that the court will be instructing you on the law to be applied in this case? Regardless of your opinion of the law, whether you agree or disagree with it, you will be required to follow and apply the law. Will you have any difficulty with this order?
6. **JUDGING TRUTHFULNESS:** Would you have any difficulty applying the same standards in evaluating the credibility of all witnesses, regardless of who they are or what their job or lifestyle is?
7. **PLAINTIFF IN SIMILAR LAWSUIT:** Have you or any member of your family or close friend, ever sued anyone or filed a claim in a matter similar to this case?
8. **DEFENDANT IN SIMILAR LAWSUIT:** Has anyone ever sued you, or any member of your family or close friend, in connection with a matter similar to this case?
9. **ORGANIZATIONS:** Do you belong to any group or organization, which lobbies or takes a definite position on legal issues?

10. **RELUCTANCE TO PASS JUDGMENT:** Is there any reason why, if selected as a juror, you would be reluctant to pass judgment on another person, a business, a profession or a situation?
11. **JUROR CONDUCT:** The judge will order that jurors keep an open mind until the time to vote, not discuss this case with anyone until deliberations begin, not do any investigations or research on their own, and refrain from all conversation with the attorneys, parties, witnesses or any of their associates. Will you have any difficulty following these orders?
12. **LEGAL TRAINING:** Have you, a family member or close personal friend ever received legal training or worked in a law firm?
13. **DIFFERENT NATIONALITY, RACIAL OR RELIGIOUS GROUP:** A party, attorney or witness may come from a particular nationality, racial or religious group or speak a language different than your native language or have a different lifestyle than yours. Would such a circumstance affect your judgment in this case or the weight and credibility that you would give to such a person's testimony?
14. **PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT:** Do you have any physical or medical condition, which would make it difficult for you to see and hear the presentation of evidence in this case and/or maintain your focus and attention on the case?
15. **ATTORNEY CONDUCT:** Under the law, each attorney has the right to excuse a certain number of jurors without any stated reason; such excuse is called a "preemptory challenge". Would the exercise of that right cause you to look with disfavor upon the attorney who excuses a juror with whom you have become acquainted and who you believe would be a fair juror?
16. **JUROR CONTACTS:** All parties and attorneys are under orders not to have any contact with jurors pending the completion of this case. This order is to prevent the unauthorized exchange of information as well as the appearance of an exchange. Will this order prohibiting juror contact with all parties and counsel create any problem for you?
17. **NEED TO KEEP AN OPEN MIND:** Until this case is finally submitted to you for deliberation, you are to keep an open mind, not form any opinion, and not discuss the case with anyone, including fellow jurors. Will you have any difficulty with any of these requirements?
18. **NEED TO CONSIDER ONLY EVIDENCE PRODUCED IN COURT:** During the trial, you are not to conduct your own investigation, consult any reference works or persons for additional information. Any such action is grounds for a mistrial. Will you have any problems refraining from such activities? Will you have any problem informing the court should such actions by a fellow juror come to your attention?