

STANDARD JUROR QUESTIONNAIRE

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete and return within 3 days of receipt to:

Clerk, U.S. District Court
Attn: Jury Administrator
901 Richland Street
Columbia, S.C. 29201

2. Use a black pen.

3. You must send a **SEPARATE LETTER** if you want to ask to be excused.

Juror's Name: (Print)

Mailing Address:

(Street)

(City, state & zip)

(County)

Permanent Address (If Different):

(Street)

(City, state & zip)

(County)

Telephone Numbers:

Home ()

Work ()

Do you rent or own (purchasing)?

Years at this address?

1. Juror's Age:

How would you describe the condition of your health?

If you have any physical or medical problems which would make jury duty difficult or which require accommodation, please explain them here

NOTE: If you are requesting to be excused due to a problem listed above, you must submit a separate letter which can be mailed with this questionnaire.

2. Juror's Education: (please check most appropriate)

less than 6th grade

more than 6th grade

but no high school degree

high school graduate

technical, business or two year degree

some college but no degree

four year college degree in

post graduate work or degree in

3. List any special training or skills you have:

4. What is your current job status? (Please check most appropriate answer)

working full time

working part time

unemployed

retired

homemaker

full time student

5. Who is your present (or most recent) employer?
6. What is your present (most recent) job title?
7. Describe the duties of your current (or most recent) job:
8. If retired, disabled, or unemployed, indicate the date of your retirement or your latest employment:
9. Has your occupation changed in the last five years?

If yes, indicate all occupations held in the last five years:

10. List all other types of jobs you have had throughout your life (not listed above):

11. Have you ever served in the military? If yes, indicate the following:

branch of service	years of service
rank at discharge	form of discharge

12. Juror's Marital Status:

single, never married		widow/widower
single but previously married for	years	other
currently married, have been for	years	

13. **If currently married**, provide the following information:

- a. Spouse's education:
- b. Spouse's present employment status:
- c. Spouse's present occupation and employer:
- d. Other types of jobs your spouse has held:

14. **If you have children**, please give their ages, gender and occupations:

Some of the questions below refer to your “family.” This is intended to include your mother, father, sisters, brothers, children, and spouse.

15. Other than the military, have you or any member of your family been employed by the United States government or any state or local government? yes no

If yes, who was so employed, when and where?

16. Have you or any member of your family ever worked for a law enforcement organization?
yes no

If yes, who was so employed, when and where?

17. What are your hobbies, special interests, recreational pastimes and other spare-time activities, including sports?

18. What is/are your primary source(s) of news?
TV Newspaper Radio
Magazines Other

What magazines and newspapers do you regularly read?

19. Have you ever been a member of a professional or job-related organization (including labor unions)? yes no

If yes, identify the organization(s):

20. What social, political, civic, religious, and other organizations do you belong to or are you associated with?

21. Are you or any member of your family a member of **any group** which encourages strict enforcement of criminal laws or modification of our present laws such as Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD), Citizens Against Violence (CAVE)?
- yes no

If yes, identify the family member (by relationship) and the group to which they belong:

22. Have you displayed any bumper stickers on your automobile in the last twelve months?
- yes no

If yes, please list each bumper sticker:

23. Have you or any member of your family ever suffered long-term or permanent disability?
- yes no

If yes, please explain:

24. Have you previously served on a jury? yes no
- If so, what type of case was it? criminal civil
- Was a verdict reached? yes no

What was the verdict?

Did anything happen during your previous jury service which might affect your ability to make a decision if you are selected as a juror during this term of court?

yes no

If yes, please explain

25. Have you ever been a witness in a civil or criminal trial?
- yes no

If yes, please explain

The following instructions relate to all of the remaining questions. Please read them carefully.

It is very important in every trial to select jurors who will listen carefully to all of the evidence offered by both sides and who will decide the case fairly. Jurors must decide cases without any bias or preconceived ideas as to how a particular type of case should be decided. Sometimes, however, a juror's own personal feelings or views are so strong that the juror simply cannot weigh the evidence fairly in a particular type of case. The following questions are intended to help the court determine if there are any particular types of cases on which you should not serve. Please answer them carefully.

	I can be fair	I cannot be fair
36. Corporations have the same rights under the law as any individual. Do you feel that you can be fair to both sides in a lawsuit that involves an individual on one side and a company or corporation on the other?		
37. Foreign nationals are entitled to the same rights to a fair trial as any other person. Do you feel that you can be fair to both sides in civil or criminal cases involving a foreign national?		
38. Do you feel that you can fairly decide a case involving the U.S. government on one side and an individual accused of violating the law on the other?		
39. Do you have such strong feelings about firearms that you could not be fair and impartial in a case involving the alleged use or illegal possession of a firearm?		
40. Do you have such strong feelings regarding the use or sale of illegal drugs that you could not be fair and impartial in a case involving the alleged use or sale of illegal drugs?		
41. Do you have such strong feelings about alcohol or drug abuse that you could not fairly weigh the evidence in a case involving the alleged use or abuse of alcohol or drugs (legal or illegal)?		
42. Do you have such strong feelings for or against law enforcement officers that you would be unable to give both sides a fair trial in a criminal case (or in a civil case involving a law enforcement officer)?		
43. Would any personal experiences prevent you from being fair to both sides in a case involving a person with a personal injury or disability?		

44. Jurors are often required to decide which witnesses to believe and which not to believe. In deciding believability, jurors may consider how the witnesses presented themselves, certain factors in the witnesses background, and many other factors. However, you may not judge believability of a witness simply based on that person's occupation or position in life.

Understanding these rules, would you be able to judge the believability of law enforcement officers and other government witnesses by the same standard as any other witness?

yes, I can

no, I cannot

45. Regardless of any opinion you may have concerning a particular law, would you be able to set aside your feelings and follow the law as stated by the judge?

yes

no

46. If you desire to do so, you may explain any of your answers here:

47. Is there any additional information about you that the court should know?

Thank you again for your cooperation. Please read the following and sign below.

The answers provided above are truthful and complete to the best of my ability. I understand that knowingly giving a false answer may subject me to the penalties for perjury.

*****Please make sure you have answered questions 31-33/45 and sign below.*****

SIGN HERE → _____

JUROR'S SIGNATURE

COMPLETE AND RETURN WITH IN 3 DAYS OF RECEIPT.

***** PLEASE INCLUDE LETTER IF ASKING FOR EXCUSE.*****

The purpose of this questionnaire is to assist the court in selecting juries. The questionnaire is being sent to you in advance of jury selection to save time during the jury selection process. It will only be used for jury selection and may not be made available to the public.