

**THIS QUESTIONNAIRE  
IS FOR  
ATTORNEY USE ONLY**

**IF YOU ARE A JUROR AND  
HAVE REACHED THIS PAGE,  
PLEASE CALL THE JURY OFFICE  
AT 602-322-7278.**

**YOU SHOULD NOT COMPLETE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.**

**Standard Questions for  
Judge Tuchi's Jury Prescreening Questionnaires  
Criminal Cases**

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Attached are the format and standard questions Judge Tuchi uses in preparing a prescreening questionnaire sent out to potential jurors for criminal trials in his court.

- **Yellow highlighted text** are areas the Court will fill in prior to distribution.
- When Judge Tuchi requests parties to submit proposed questions for a specific trial, **just submit any additional or case specific questions**. Do not duplicate questions already in the prescreening questionnaire.
- If you have objections to any questions in the form, include the objections at the end of your submission indicating the number, the question and the issue.
- File any proposed prescreening questions and e-mail a copy to the Chambers mailbox at [Tuchi\\_chambers@azd.uscourts.gov](mailto:Tuchi_chambers@azd.uscourts.gov) in WordPerfect or Word format.

# CRIMINAL JUROR PRESCREEN QUESTIONNAIRE

(please print all answers legibly)

Juror Number: \_\_\_\_\_ First day of trial -- JJT \_\_\_\_\_

## CASE DESCRIPTION

This is a federal criminal case. **Counsel please provide brief case description.**

### End with:

These/This Defendant(s) deny the charges, have pled not guilty, and are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt of those charges.

## LENGTH AND SCHEDULE OF TRIAL

- This trial is expected to last \_\_\_\_\_ days/weeks and will begin on \_\_\_\_\_.
- The jury generally will hear evidence from 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Tuesday through Friday the first week and Monday or Tuesday through Friday (excluding Thursdays) any subsequent weeks.
- There will be short breaks in the morning and afternoon and a one-hour and 15 minute lunch break.
- Allowing some additional time for deliberations after the jury receives the case, the Court projects the jury could be occupied up to and through \_\_\_\_\_.
- **No adverse employment action can be taken against you by an employer for serving on a jury.**
- Every effort will be made to accommodate special needs of individual jurors. Jurors will be paid an attendance fee of \$50.00 per day.

# QUESTIONNAIRE

*(please print all answers legibly)*

1. Given the information on the first page, would the length of the trial or the proposed schedule create an undue hardship for you if selected to serve on the jury?

Yes       No

If Yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you, or a member of your household, have any health concerns or disabilities [including COVID related concerns] that you believe might affect your duties as a juror or would make it difficult to be a fair, impartial and attentive juror?

Yes       No

If Yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

## **Notice**

For your safety and the safety of all others, if you develop any symptoms such as fever or chills, cough, sore throat, nasal congestion or runny nose (unless attributable to allergies), unusual muscle aches, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea **do not report for jury service**. Contact the jury administrator at: 602-322-7278.

# QUESTIONNAIRE

(please print all answers legibly)

3. Your age \_\_\_\_\_

4. Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

5. Arizona County of Residence? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Number of years lived in County? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Do you: Own your own home? \_\_\_\_\_ Rent? \_\_\_\_\_  
Neither own nor rent, but live with family/friends? \_\_\_\_\_

1. If you own your home, do you have a mortgage or loan?

Yes  No

2. How many homes have you purchased and/or sold in your lifetime?

Purchased: \_\_\_\_\_ Sold: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Are you: (check any and all that apply)

Employed full time? \_\_\_\_\_ Employed part time? \_\_\_\_\_

Working from home? \_\_\_\_\_ Unemployed/laid off? \_\_\_\_\_

Retired? \_\_\_\_\_ Student? \_\_\_\_\_

Disabled and unable to work? \_\_\_\_\_

Self-employed? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are Self-employed, please describe the nature of your business, whether you have partners and how long you have been in business: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Where do you work and what do you do? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

If you are not presently employed but have worked in the past, what did you do?

\_\_\_\_\_

9. Are you attending school now?       Yes       No

If Yes, please indicate your course of study and whether you will be taking classes during the time of trial.

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

10. What level of school did you reach? Describe any degrees you have received.

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\_\_\_\_\_

11. Are you       Married       Divorced       Separated  
                  Widow       Widower       Never married?

12. Spouse's educational background: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Spouse's occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

14. Spouse's job duties: \_\_\_\_\_

15. If retired or unemployed, state spouse's past occupation(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

16. Spouse's present or last employer: \_\_\_\_\_

17. Spouse's employer's type of business: \_\_\_\_\_

18. Spouse's years of employment: \_\_\_\_\_

19. Please provide the ages and occupations of your children (include foster & step-children):

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\_\_\_\_\_

20. What civic, social, fraternal, or professional clubs or organizations do you belong to?

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21. The parties in this matter are represented by the following lawyers.

Government: \_\_\_\_\_  
of the \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant: \_\_\_\_\_  
of the \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know any of these lawyers?  Yes  No

If Yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

22. This case is being prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona. Do you know any person associated with that office?

Yes  No If Yes, please explain the person you know and how you know them: \_\_\_\_\_

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23. Do you know the Defendant(s) – [add names] \_\_\_\_\_?

Yes  No If Yes, please explain the circumstances:

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24. Have you ever served on a jury before?  Yes  No

If Yes, please state when you served and what type of case (civil or criminal).

\_\_\_\_\_

If it was a criminal case, what were the charges? \_\_\_\_\_

Were you the jury foreperson?  Yes  No

Was a verdict reached and, if so, what was the verdict of the jury? \_\_\_\_\_

25. Is there anything in your previous jury service experience that would influence you in deciding the issues in this case?  Yes  No

If Yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

26. Have you, any member of your immediate family, or any close friend ever been a plaintiff or a defendant in a state or federal court case?  Yes  No

If Yes, what kind of case was it? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there anything about that case that would prevent you from being a fair and impartial juror in this case? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

27. Have you ever been a witness in a civil matter, regardless of whether it went to trial?

Yes  No

28. Have you, or any family member or close friend, ever appeared or testified as a witness in any investigation or legal proceeding?  Yes  No

29. Have you or your spouse ever served in the military?  Yes  No

If Yes, which branch and for how long? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the highest rank you or they achieved? \_\_\_\_\_

30. Have you or any of your immediate family members ever worked for a governmental entity?  Yes  No

If Yes, who and for which government entity? \_\_\_\_\_

31. Do you have any difficulty reading, writing or understanding the English language?

Yes  No If Yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



32. Do you have any training or experience in the legal field?  Yes  No  
If Yes, please describe your training or experience. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

33. Are you currently taking any medication on a regular basis or do you require the assistance of a doctor or other health professional on a regular basis that would affect your ability to sit as a juror in this case?  Yes  No  
If Yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

34. Do you otherwise have any medical, mental, or physical condition that would affect your ability to sit as a juror in this case?  Yes  No  
If Yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

35. Do you watch or read news?  Yes  No  
If Yes, what are your preferred news networks, publications, or websites?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

36. Is there anything else you feel the parties should know about your ability to serve as a fair and impartial juror in this case?  Yes  No  
If Yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

37. Have you ever been arrested or jailed?  Yes  No  
If Yes, please provide explanations to the following questions:  
Where were you arrested or jailed? \_\_\_\_\_  
When? \_\_\_\_\_

For what charge? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the outcome? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you believe you were treated fairly in the process? \_\_\_\_\_

38. Has someone close to you ever been arrested or jailed?  Yes  No

If Yes, please provide explanations to the following questions:

What is your relationship to the person? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the person arrested or jailed? \_\_\_\_\_

When? \_\_\_\_\_

For what charge? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the outcome? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you believe that person was treated fairly in the process? \_\_\_\_\_

39. Have you, or has any family member or close friend, ever been questioned in any matter by any local, state or federal law enforcement agency?

Yes  No

40. Will the fact that this case involves charges of \_\_\_\_\_ affect your ability to serve fairly and impartially?

Yes  No If Yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

41. Have you or has someone close to you ever been the victim of a violent crime, whether or not there was a prosecution?  Yes  No

If Yes, please explain what happened and whether there is anything about that experience that might affect your ability to serve as a fair and impartial juror in this case. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

42. Have you or has an immediate family member or close personal friend ever been employed by a law enforcement agency in any capacity?  Yes  No

If Yes, how? \_\_\_\_\_

43. Have you or has an immediate family member or close personal friend ever had a verbal or physical altercation with a law enforcement officer?  Yes  No

If Yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

44. Have you read, seen, or heard anything about this case from any source whatsoever? If so, is there anything about what you have learned about this case that might affect your ability to serve as a fair and impartial juror?  Yes  No

If Yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

45. Given the brief description of the facts stated at the beginning of this questionnaire, is there anything about this case that would cause you to believe that you could not consider the evidence fairly and impartially according to the law?

Yes  No If Yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

46. Several participants in this case are Native American. Is there anything about these individuals' racial or ethnic status that would prevent you from being a fair and impartial juror in this case?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

47. Do you have experience with, or thoughts or feelings about, members of the Navajo Nation, or any Indian tribe, that may cause you to feel that you may not be a fair and impartial juror in this case?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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48. Do you have any opinions about the legitimacy of the federal government or criminal prosecutions that could make it difficult for you to be fair and impartial?

Yes       No      If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

49. Certain crimes committed by Native Americans within the confines of an Indian reservation fall within the jurisdiction of the federal government. Do you have any opinions about the federal government's involvement in investigating and prosecuting crimes that occur on Indian reservations that could make it difficult for you to be fair and impartial?

Yes       No      If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

50. Some of the witnesses will be federal law enforcement officers with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) or tribal law enforcement officers with the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety. Do you have opinions (positive or negative) of federal law enforcement or tribal law enforcement, or in particular the FBI or Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety, that would make it difficult for you to be a fair and impartial juror in this case? **[Highlighted text is optional]**

Yes       No      If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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51. Would you treat the testimony of a law enforcement officer differently from that of an ordinary citizen, or assign it more or less weight, simply because the testimony came from a law enforcement officer?

Yes       No      If Yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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52. In the past few years, there has been a lot of public interest in the criminal justice system, including documentaries, podcasts, and reporting. Have you watched or listened to any documentaries, podcasts, or other media about the criminal justice system—such as Making a Murderer, A Murder in the Park, or Serial—that have affected your views of the criminal justice system? If any such items have affected your views of the criminal justice system, please describe how your views have been affected and whether there is anything

about your views of the criminal justice system that would make it difficult for you to be a fair and impartial juror in this case. \_\_\_\_\_

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53. This case does **not** involve the death penalty as a possible punishment. If the trial were to result in a guilty verdict or verdicts, the judge would decide the punishment in this case and you will be so instructed. Do you disagree with the judge imposing the sentence if there is a conviction?

Yes       No      If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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54. If you are selected as a juror, you will be instructed that you are not to consider any possible punishment in determining whether the defendant is guilty. Do you believe you would have any difficulty following this instruction?

Yes       No      If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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55. While jury selection is in process, and if you are chosen to be a juror, you are not permitted to read or listen to any media or internet coverage of this case and related subjects while the case is pending. Is there any reason why you cannot follow this limited restriction?

Yes       No      If Yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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56. While jury selection is in process, and if you are chosen to be a juror, the Court will instruct you that you will not be able to talk about, tweet, blog, post on Facebook or other social networks, or otherwise communicate anything about this case while the case is pending. Is there any reason why you cannot follow this instruction?

Yes       No      If Yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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57. If you are selected to be a juror in this case, the Court will instruct you what the law is at the conclusion of the case. If selected as a juror, you will take an oath to follow the law. Do you think you would have trouble following the law even if you may disagree with it?

Yes       No      If Yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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58. Do you have any ethical, religious, moral, political, philosophical, or other beliefs that would prevent you from serving as a fair and impartial juror in this case?

Yes       No      If Yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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59. If you were one of the parties in this case, is there any reason you would not want someone with your present outlook and feelings to serve on this jury?     Yes       No

If Yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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60. Do you have any strong feelings regarding the courts or criminal justice system in this country including, but not limited to, your feelings about judges, lawyers, police officers or other law enforcement agents, that would prevent you from sitting as a fair and impartial juror in this case?

Yes       No      If Yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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61. Jury service is essential to the administration of justice. Accordingly, inconvenience will not be sufficient to excuse a prospective juror. To be excused, a juror must show an unacceptable amount of personal hardship. In light of these considerations, and in light of the projected trial schedule of \_\_\_\_\_ (excluding [intervening] weekend[s]) would service as a juror in this case create unacceptable personal, financial, professional, or other serious hardship for you?

Yes       No

If Yes, please explain in specific detail: \_\_\_\_\_

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