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ATTORNEY USE ONLY**

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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

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

- **Yellow highlighted text** are areas the Court will fill in prior to distribution.
- **The questions in a different font** will only be used in a criminal trial including some that are more specific to an Indian Country case.
- 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 question, the number and the issue.
- File any proposed prescreening questions and e-mail a copy to the Chambers mailbox at Tuchi_chambers@azd.uscourts.gov in WordPerfect or Word format.

JUROR QUESTIONNAIRE

(please print all answers legibly)

Juror Number: _____ First day of trial -- JJT _____

CASE DESCRIPTION

This is a federal criminal / civil case. State a brief description of the case.

If Criminal include: 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 Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.
- There will be short breaks in the morning and afternoon and a one-hour 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 dollars per day.

QUESTIONNAIRE

(please print all answers legibly)

1. Your age _____

2. Male _____ Female _____

3. Are you presently employed? Yes No

If Yes, 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?

4. 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.

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

6. Are you Married Single Divorced Separated
 Widow Widower Never married?

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

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

Plaintiff: _____
of the _____
Defendant: _____
of the _____

Do you know any of these lawyers? Yes No

If Yes, please explain. _____

9. 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? _____

10. 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: _____

11. 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: _____

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

Yes No

13. Have you or your spouse ever served in the military? Yes No
If Yes, which branch and for how long? _____
What is the highest rank achieved? _____
14. 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? _____
15. Do you have any training or experience in the legal field? Yes No
If Yes, please describe your training or experience. _____

16. Do you have any difficulty reading, writing, or understanding the English language?
 Yes No
If Yes, please explain: _____

17. Are you currently taking any medication on a regular basis or 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. _____

18. Do you 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. _____

19. 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. _____

20. **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? _____ *These questions are for Criminal Cases only*
For what charge? _____
What was the outcome? _____
Do you believe you were treated fairly in the process? _____
21. **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? _____ *These questions are for Criminal Cases only*
For what charge? _____
What was the outcome? _____
Do you believe that person was treated fairly in the process? _____
22. **Have you or 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.

_____ *This question is for Criminal Cases only*
23. **Have you or an immediate family member or close personal friend ever been employed by a law enforcement agency in any capacity?** **Yes** **No**
If Yes, how? _____ *This question is for Criminal or Prisoner-filed Civil Cases only*
24. **Have you or 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? _____ *This question is for Criminal or Prisoner-filed Civil Cases only*

25. 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. _____

26. 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. _____

27. **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. *This question is for Criminal Cases only* _____

28. **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. *This question is for Criminal Cases only* _____

29. **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. *This question is for Criminal Cases only* _____

30. **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. *This question is for Criminal Cases only*

31. **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?**

Yes No

If yes, please explain. *This question is for Criminal Cases only.*

32. **Would you treat the testimony of a law enforcement officer differently from that of an ordinary citizen because the testimony came from a law enforcement officer?**

Yes No

If yes, please explain. *This question is for Criminal Cases only.*

33. **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.** _____

This question is for Criminal Cases only.

34. **This case does not involve the death penalty as a possible punishment. The judge will 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. _____

This question is for Criminal Cases only.

35. **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. _____ *This question is for Criminal Cases only*

36. 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 these restrictions?

Yes **No**

If Yes, please explain. _____

37. 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. _____

38. 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

39. 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

40. 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. _____

41. 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 and lawyers, that would prevent you from sitting as a fair and impartial juror in this case?

Yes No

If Yes, please explain. _____

42. 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: _____
