



# United States District Court

Dear Prospective Juror:

Your name has been drawn by random selection, and you are being considered for jury service in the United States District Court. Trial by jury is a keystone of our system of justice. Jury service is, therefore, both an opportunity and an obligation of every American. Jurors will receive mileage and, unless they are federal government employees, an attendance fee for each day of service.

In order for us to obtain some information about you from which we can objectively determine whether you are qualified to serve pursuant to federal law, please complete the questionnaire on the reverse side of this form. You **must** answer every question, sign, date and **return the form in the enclosed envelope within ten days.**

**If you are unable to fill out this form, someone else may do it for you provided that person indicates in the "Remarks" section why it was necessary for him or her to do so instead of you.**

If you do not return this questionnaire form, fully completed, within ten days you are liable to be summoned to report at your expense for completion of the questionnaire at this office.

**Do not attach anything to this form.** Please write your comments on the "Remarks" section. **Do not ask to be excused by telephone.**

**If your address changes after you have returned this questionnaire, please notify us promptly by letter or post card, addressing it to "Attention: Jury Administrator".**

Clerk, United States District Court

## Remarks

Use the space below to complete any answers to the questionnaire which require more information or more space. Show the number(s) of questions to which you are further responding.

### NOTES REGARDING THE QUALIFICATION FORM

**Question 3 - RESIDENCE.** If you answered "No", that your primary residence was not in the same state or county for the past year, name the other states and counties of primary residence, and give dates.

**Question 5 and 6 - CRIMINAL RECORD.** If your answer to either question 5 or 6 is "Yes", please show under "Remarks": (a) date of the offense, (b) date of the conviction (or date of pending charge), (c) nature of the offense, (d) the sentence imposed (if a conviction), and (e) the name of the court. One is disqualified from jury service only for criminal offenses punishable by imprisonment for more than one year, but it is the maximum penalty, and not the actual sentence, which controls.

NOTE - Answer Question 7 only if your answer to Question 6 is "Yes."

**Question 8 - YOUR HEALTH.** If you claim a mental or physical disability, please explain and/or enclose proof of it in a separate document. **Do not attach anything to the form.**

NOTE - Do not ask the court to call your doctor. Any doctor's statement you obtain regarding your physical condition must be sent to the court by you rather than by the doctor.

Qualified individuals with disabilities have the same opportunity and obligation to serve as jurors as individuals without disabilities. If you have a disability that would affect, but not prevent, your serving as a juror, please advise and explain under "Remarks" or by enclosing a separate unattached letter.

**Question 11 - RACE.** Federal law requires you as a prospective juror to indicate your race. This answer is required solely to avoid discrimination in juror selection and has absolutely no bearing on qualifications for jury service. By answering this question you help the federal court check and observe the juror selection process so that discrimination cannot occur. In this way, the federal court can fulfill the policy of the United States, which is to provide jurors who are randomly selected from a fair cross section of the community.

**Question 13 - OCCUPATION.** Federal law requires that you answer the questions about your occupation so that the Federal Courts may determine promptly whether you fall within an excuse or exemption category (See Questions 9 and 14).

**Question 14 - GROUNDS FOR EXCUSE.** If one of the categories listed in Question 14 applies to you and you wish to be excused for that reason, fill in completely the circle for your category at Question 14. Please make sure you also give, under "Remarks", such information as may be requested within the excuse category. You may still be qualified to serve if the court determines upon review that you appear to be eligible for service. Other persons may be excused only by showing jury service would cause them undue hardship or extreme inconvenience.

**Box Number 15 - YOUR SIGNATURE.** Be sure you have signed the form. If another person had to fill out this questionnaire for you, that person must indicate his or her name, address and reason why under "Remarks".