



Judge Kirsten B. Cohoon
451st Judicial District Court of Texas
Kendall County, Texas

July 27, 2020

JUROR SELECTION PROCESS QUESTIONNAIRE

The use of this Juror Selection Process Questionnaire is to assist lawyers and the court in the selection of a fair, impartial and neutral jury while minimizing the time to complete the voir dire process. Your answers to the questions contained in the Questionnaire, like your answers to questions in open court during jury selection proceedings, are part of the public record in this case.

IF YOU ARE NOT CLAIMING A LEGAL EXEMPTION OR DISQUALIFICATION, PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR RESPONSES TO THIS JUROR SELECTION PROCESS QUESTIONNAIRE TO DCJURY@CO.KENDALL.TX.US OR BY FAX TO (830) 249-1763 NOT LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2020. DO NOT DISCUSS YOUR ANSWERS WITH ANY OTHER PROSPECTIVE JUROR.

If you object to answering any particular questions in writing because the answers will be sensitive or embarrassing to you; in your response, please state that you prefer to provide an answer directly to the court.

Thank you in advance for your time in completing this Juror Selection Process Questionnaire.

Do you swear or affirm that you will truthfully answer all questions about your qualifications to serve as a juror? If so, please write "I will" and sign.

Signature: _____

Printed Name (First, Middle, Last): _____

Date: _____

General Background

1. Date of Birth: _____
2. Gender: _____ Male _____ Female _____ Prefer not to say
3. What city / town do you live in?

4. How long have you lived in Kendall County? _____
5. How long have you lived at your current address? _____
6. Do you _____ Own _____ Rent
7. Where did you grow up? (city, county, state) _____
8. What is your marital status? (please check appropriate box)

_____ Married	How many years married? _____
_____ Divorced	How long married? _____
_____ Separated	How long? _____
_____ Widowed	How long married? _____
_____ Single (never married)	
_____ Living with significant other	How long? _____
9. If you have children, stepchildren, or are the guardian of any children, please state:

<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Do they live with you?</u>	<u>Education*</u>	<u>Occupation*</u>	<u>Marital Status*</u>

*Answers to questions marked with an * are only required for adult children.*

10. Does anyone else live in your home, and if so what is their relationship to you, their age, and occupation?

Employment

11. What is your present job or occupation? _____

- _____ Full Time _____ Part Time
_____ Unemployed _____ Disabled
_____ Retired _____ Homemaker
_____ Student

12. If employed, how long have you been so employed?

13. If you are retired, disabled, or recently changed employment, what was your last job or occupation? _____

And when _____

14. Do/did you supervise others in your job? _____ Yes _____ No

15. Have you ever owned your own business? _____ Yes _____ No

IF YES, please describe the nature of and name of the business:

16. If married or living with another person, what is your spouse or significant other's job or occupation? _____

17. If he or she is retired or unemployed, what was his or her occupation before retiring or being unemployed? _____

Education

18. List schools attended, dates attended, major areas of study and degrees:

High School: _____

College/Technical School: _____

Graduate School: _____

19. If married or living with another person, what is your spouse or significant other's educational background? _____

20. Have you ever had any training, education, or jobs, or have you ever done any volunteer work in any of the following areas? (Check each one that applies to you.)

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| _____ Corrections/Jail/Prison | _____ Victims of Crimes |
| _____ Counseling | _____ Firearms/Guns |
| _____ Forensic Sciences | _____ Security |
| _____ Genetics/DNA | _____ Investigations |
| _____ Justice System/Courts | _____ TV/Radio |
| _____ Laboratory | _____ Law |
| _____ Law Enforcement | _____ Local/State/Federal Government |
| _____ Medicine/Nursing | _____ Mental Health |
| _____ Pathology | _____ Police Procedures |
| _____ Psychology | _____ Science or Biology |

IF YES, please explain:

Personal

21. What are your hobbies, major interests, recreational pastimes, and spare-time activities?

22. Please list all groups or organizations in which you participate or are a member. For example: service clubs, civic groups, social groups, church or church groups, unions or professional organizations, volunteer activities, educational or political groups, neighborhood groups or self-help groups:

23. Have you ever held a leadership position in any organization listed in response to the previous question? _____ Yes _____ No

24. Where do you usually get your news? Check all that apply:

_____ Radio	_____ Magazines
_____ Newspapers	_____ Internet
_____ Television	_____ Word of Mouth
_____ Other (please identify)	_____

25. How often do you read the newspapers to get your news? Please check one box:

_____ Daily

_____ 3 to 4 times a week

_____ 1 to 2 times a week

_____ Rarely

_____ Never

26. How often do you watch television to get your news? Please check one box:

_____ Daily

_____ 3 to 4 times a week

_____ 1 to 2 times a week

_____ Rarely

_____ Never

27. How often do you listen to the radio to get your news? Please check one box:

_____ Daily

_____ 3 to 4 times a week

_____ 1 to 2 times a week

_____ Rarely

_____ Never

28. How often do you search the Internet to get your news? Please check one box:

_____ Daily

_____ 3 to 4 times a week

_____ 1 to 2 times a week

_____ Rarely

_____ Never

29. Which newspapers or magazines do you regularly read?

30. What television shows, if any, do you watch on a regular basis?

Military

31. Were you ever in the military, including ROTC or National Guard? _____ Yes _____ No

IF YES, please answer the following:

- a. What branch? _____
- b. Dates of service? _____
- c. Rank or rating? _____
- d. Where were you stationed? _____
- e. Character of discharge (honorable, general, etc.)? _____
- f. Reason for discharge? _____
- g. Were you ever involved in combat? (if yes, when and where)

32. If you were in the military, were you ever involved in any way with military law enforcement, non-judicial punishment, courts martial, or administrative boards or hearings? _____ Yes _____ No

IF YES, please explain:

Law Enforcement and Judicial Contacts

33. Under our system of justice, a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. Do you have any disagreements with this principle of law?

_____ Yes _____ No

34. In order to find a defendant guilty, the state must prove his or her guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. If the state does not meet this burden, the defendant must be found not guilty. If the state does meet this burden, the defendant must be found guilty. Do you have any disagreements with these principles of law?

_____ Yes _____ No

35. The jury in this case will be instructed to: (1) Not read, watch, or listen to any news accounts about this trial until it is over; (2) Not conduct any independent research as to the law or facts of this case, including not researching the Defendant now or during the case, and; (3) Not talk to anyone **about the case**, not even to one another, until the jury retires to deliberate upon its verdict. Would you find it difficult to follow these instructions for any reasons?

_____ Yes _____No

36. Have you, a family member, or a close friend, ever been the victim of a crime, whether or not it was reported to law enforcement?

_____ Yes, I have _____Yes, family or friend _____No

IF YES, what was the crime and what was the outcome?

37. Have you, a family member, or a close friend, ever been a witness to a crime, filed a report with a law enforcement agency, or had contact with a prosecutor's office?

_____ Yes, I have _____Yes, family or friend _____No

IF YES, please explain:

38. Have you, a family member, or anyone close to you, ever been a suspect in, arrested for, or charged with, a criminal offense (not including minor parking or speeding type traffic offenses)? _____Yes _____No

IF YES, please explain:

39. If you answered **yes** to questions 36, 37, or 38, was there anything about your experiences with law enforcement, attorneys, or the court system that you thought was unfair, unpleasant, or not handled appropriately? _____ Yes _____ No

IF YES, please explain:

40. Have you ever had any particularly good or bad experiences with law enforcement officers? _____ Yes _____ No

IF YES, please explain:

41. Would you tend to believe the testimony of a police officer either more or less than the testimony of any other witness? _____ Yes _____ No

IF YES, please explain:

42. Have you ever testified in court as a witness? _____ Yes _____ No

IF YES, please explain:

43. Have you ever previously served as a juror? _____ Yes _____ No

When (year) _____ Where (State, County) _____

IF YES, was it a: _____ Criminal Case _____ Civil Case

IF YES, without disclosing what the verdict was, did you reach a verdict?

_____ Yes _____ No

44. Do you have any family members or close friends who are, or have been, employed with a law enforcement agency? _____ Yes _____ No

IF YES, please explain:

45. Are you presently involved with the District Attorney's office? Have you been so involved in the past? Do any of you have an ongoing relationship with this office?

_____ Yes _____ No

IF YES, please explain:

46. Do you have any moral, philosophical, or religious beliefs that would interfere with your ability to sit as a fair and impartial juror? _____ Yes _____ No

IF YES, please explain:

47. Do you have any physical problem that would prevent or make it difficult to serve as a juror? _____ Yes _____ No

IF YES, please explain:

48. Do you have any personal reasons that would interfere with your ability to be a fair and impartial juror? _____ Yes _____ No

IF YES, please explain:

49. Do you have any family responsibilities (such as full-time care of young children or an elderly person) that would interfere with your service as a juror? _____ Yes _____ No

IF YES, please explain:

50. Is there anything else that the court or the parties should know about you that may impact your ability to be a fair and impartial juror in this case? _____ Yes _____ No

IF YES, please explain:

51. This trial may last through Friday, August 28, 2020. Jury service is typically performed during business hours, approximately 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., unless a jury themselves decides to extend their deliberations into the evening hours. Is there a reason (professional, personal, or otherwise) that would impede your ability to sit as a juror in this case?

_____ Yes _____ No

IF YES, please explain:

Please read the following statement carefully and sign below if you are in agreement with it:

I declare under penalty of perjury that everything that I have stated in this document is true and correct, that I have given complete and honest answers to all of the questions above.

Signature