

Hirschhorn's Juror Questionnaire in Drug Case

Background information. (PLEASE PRINT AND USE A PEN WITH BLACK INK)

1. Full Name: _____ Age: _____
2. Place of Birth: _____
3. In what other cities or states have you lived? _____
4. Where do you work? (IF UNEMPLOYED OR RETIRED WHERE DID YOU WORK?)

Length of Employment: _____
Job Description: _____
What are your main job responsibilities? _____
5. What jobs have you held in the past? _____
6. Have you ever been responsible for supervising, hiring or firing employees? ☐ YES ☐ NO
7. How far did you go in school [if college, please name the school(s) and degree(s)]?

8. Have you or any family member ever served in the military? ☐ YES ☐ NO
If YES, which branch? Highest rank? _____
☐ Enlisted ☐ Drafted ☐ Re-Enlisted
Were you ever involved in a court martial? ☐ YES ☐ NO
If YES, please explain: _____
9. Marital Status: ☐ Single ☐ Married - Yrs. ☐ Living w/Someone
☐ Separated ☐ Divorced ☐ Divorced & Remarried ☐ Widowed
10. Please list the gender, age and occupation for each of your children, step-children and grandchildren: _____
11. Do [Did] your children attend ☐ public and/or ☐ private schools? What was the reason for your decision? _____
12. Regarding your spouse, ex-spouse or the person with whom you are living, what is this person's occupation? _____
13. What jobs has this person held in the past? _____
14. How far did this person go in school [if college, please name school(s) and degrees)]?

Familiarity with law enforcement and the judicial system.

15. Have you or anyone you know ever worked for an attorney or law firm? ☐ YES ☐ NO
If YES, please explain: _____
16. Do you know anyone who works in the United States Attorney's Office or the District Attorney's Office? ☐ YES ☐ NO If YES, whom do you know? _____
17. Have you, any family members or friends ever worked or applied for a job in law enforcement? ☐ YES ☐ NO If YES, who and which agency? _____
18. Have you or any family member ever worked for any federal, state or local government agency? ☐ YES ☐ NO If YES, who and which agency? _____
19. Have you ever been a plaintiff, defendant, witness or observer for any court case? ☐ YES ☐ NO
If YES, please explain: _____
20. Have you ever served as a juror in a: ☐ Civil ☐ Criminal ☐ Grand Jury
If YES, how many times? _____ What type of case(s)? _____
Were you ever the foreperson? ☐ YES ☐ NO
21. Have you or any family member ever hired an attorney? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If YES, what was the reason? _____

Opinions about drug law enforcement

22. Do you know anyone with a drug problem? [] YES [] NO If YES, please explain:

23. Describe your feelings about people who are ACCUSED of selling drugs?

24. Have you ever known anyone who was accused of selling methamphetamine (also know as speed or crank)? [] YES [] NO If YES, please explain: _____
25. How do you feel about the government plea bargaining with convicted drug dealers?

26. Do you believe that a convicted drug dealer would accuse an innocent person of being involved in drug activity? () YES [] NO PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWER: _____
27. Do you have such strong opinions or feelings about people accused-of distributing methamphetamine that it would affect your ability to be a totally fair and impartial juror? [] YES [] NO PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWER: _____
28. Are you in favor of or do you oppose the use of electronic surveillance (tapping phones, bugging room) in investigating criminal cases? [] FAVOR [] OPPOSE PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWER: _____
29. Have you ever had a good or bad experience with any law enforcement agency of the U.S. Government? [] YES [] NO If YES, please explain:

Experience with weapons and crime

30. Have you or any family member ever owned a weapon?. [] YES [] NO If YES, who and what type(s) of weapon? _____
31. Have you or any family member ever had a bad experience with a weapon? [] YES [] NO. If YES, please explain: _____
32. Have you ever belonged to any group or organization working to preserve, the rights of citizens to own guns or which supports gun control? [] YES [] NO If YES, which group or organization?

33. Do you believe the laws relating to ownership of weapons should be abolished or changed? [] YES [] NO PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWER: _____
34. Have you, any family members or friends ever been the victim of a crime? [] YES [] NO If YES, please explain: _____
35. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? [] YES [] NO If YES, please explain:

The Media: Reading and watching habits

36. Please list the newspapers, magazines, professional journals or periodicals to which you subscribe or regularly read? _____
37. Please list your 3 favorite television shows:
(1) _____
(2) _____
(3) _____

Personal influences


38. Please list the 3 people you admire or respect the most and tell us why:
(1) _____
(2) _____
(3) _____
39. Please list the 3 people you admire or respect the least and tell us why:
(1) _____
(2) _____
(3) _____
40. Please list the one person you feel most influenced your life, and, tell, us why:



41. Are you: (☐) Very Conservative [☐] Conservative [☐] Moderate [☐] Liberal [☐] Very Liberal
42. What are your hobbies or interests outside of work and family?

43. Is there any reason why you would be unwilling or unable-to serve as a juror in a case where a person is accused of drug and weapons offenses? [☐] YES [☐] NO. If YES, please explain:

44. Is there anything that you feel is important for the parties to know about you?

CASE LAW

Perryman v. State, [830 N.E.2d 1005](#)  (Ind.Ct.App. 2005) (it was prosecutorial misconduct when prosecutor conditioned jury with prejudicial comments suggesting they were fighting the war on drugs through this specific case).

Gregory v. State, [902 N.E.2d 205](#)  (Ind. 2009) (Rucker and Dickson, J.J., dissenting from denial of transfer from Gregory v. State, [885 N.E.2d 697](#)  (Ind.Ct.App. 2008), on basis that Court disapproves of the prosecutorial tactic of “brainwash[ing]” jurors or attempting to condition them to receive evidence with a jaundice eye by discussing the war on drugs; here, prosecutor read prejudicial poem regarding methamphetamine).