**COURT’S PROPOSED VOIR DIRE - CIVIL**

**STANDARD VOIR DIRE TO BE ANSWERED INDIVIDUALLY:**

1. Name:

City or area where you live (do not give specific address).

2. Educational background.

3. Occupation for the last 5 years. If self-employed, please so indicate.

4. What are your job responsibilities?

5. If you have a spouse or a long-time partner or companion, please state his or her occupation.

6. If your spouse or long-time partner or companion is deceased, give his or her employment before death.

7. If you are divorced, please state the employment of your former spouse.

8. If you are retired, please state your former occupation.

9. Please tell us something interesting about yourself.

**STANDARD VOIR DIRE TO BE ANSWERED AS A GROUP BY SHOW OF HANDS:**

10. Have any of you heard or read anything about this case?

**[Counsel for Plaintiff(s) present themselves, their clients, and any witnesses they intend to call]**

11. Do you know any of these people?

12. Have you had business dealings with any of these people?

13. Have any of you or any of your immediate family members been represented by these lawyers or by attorneys you know to be members of their firm?

**[Counsel for Defendant(s) present themselves, their clients, and any witnesses they intend to call]**

14. Do you know any of these people?

15. Have you had business dealings with any of these people?

16. Have any of you or any of your immediate family members been represented by these lawyers or by attorneys you know to be members of their firm?

**[Additional questions]**

17. Do you know or recognize any other prospective juror in the courtroom?

18. Do any of you or your immediate family members know me [the judge]?

19. Have you served before as a juror in a criminal or civil case, or as a member of a Grand Jury in either federal or state courts?

20. Have you or any of your family members had specialized training, education, or experience in law?

21. We have already briefly discussed your role as jurors if selected to serve in this case. Juries decide facts—you are, in effect, judges of the facts. I am the judge of the law. If you are selected to serve in this case, will you be able to reach a verdict solely on the evidence presented at the trial, and in the context of the law as I will give it to you in your instructions, disregarding any other ideas, notions, or beliefs about the law or what the law should be?

22. Finally, there may be those of you who are thinking of a matter relating to your ability to sit on this jury for a reason that we have not specifically questioned you about. Please consider this question: “Is there any other reason you know of that would affect your ability to sit on this jury and render a fair and impartial verdict for either the Plaintiff(s) or the Defendant(s)?”