

STANDARD VOIR DIRE—CIVIL CASE

After the court introduces the court staff and the attorneys introduce themselves and their clients, the court will ask the following questions to the potential jurors:

1. Do any of you or any members of your immediate family know me, Judge Daphne Oberg?
2. Do any of you or any members of your immediate family know any of my staff members that I introduced to you?
3. Do any of you know the plaintiffs or their attorneys?
4. Do any of you know the defendants or their attorneys?
5. Would plaintiffs' counsel please tell the jury the names of the individuals it intends to call as witnesses during trial?
 - a. Do any of you know anyone on that list?
6. Would defense counsel please tell the jury the names of the individuals it intends to call as witnesses during trial?
 - a. Do any of you know anyone on that list?
7. Are you acquainted with any other potential juror here today?
8. Being a juror is inconvenient to everyone. Aside from that inconvenience, is there anything that would make it extremely difficult or impossible for any of you to be here through _____ (the end of trial)?
9. Your function as jurors will be to decide the facts, not the law. I will instruct you regarding the law, and you cannot substitute your own understanding of the law or your own notions of what the law should be.
 - a. Is there anyone here who does not understand this principle?
 - b. Is there anyone here who would not be willing to follow the law as instructed by the court, even if you disagreed with the law?
10. Have any of you ever been employed by the judicial system?
11. Have any of you ever served as a jury in a jury trial or as a member of a grand jury?
 - a. Civil or criminal case?
 - b. What was the verdict?
 - c. How was your experience?

12. Do any of you have any disabilities or impairments that would make it difficult to serve as a member of the jury?
13. Do any of you have any medical conditions that would make it difficult to serve as a member of the jury?
14. Do you know of any other reason why you could not serve on this jury if selected?