
Sample Juror Questionnaire: An Energy Case

Juror No. _____

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The following questions are intended to speed up the jury selection process. Please answer all of the questions as completely and accurately as possible. Keep in mind, your oath as a juror applies to the answers you give to all of the questions. All answers you give will be kept confidential and in the strictest confidence and used only by the Court and these attorneys in the voir dire process.

1. Name: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____
2. What is the highest level of education you have completed?
 Less than High School High School/GED Trade/Technical School Some College
 College Graduate degree (e.g., M.A., Ph.D.) Currently Student
3. If you have a college/graduate degree, what was your major area of study? _____

4. What is your employment status? Full time Part time Retired Unemployed
 Homemaker Disabled
5. Name of your employer: _____
6. Job title/duties: _____
7. List former occupations and employers: _____

8. Marital Status: Never married Married Divorced Separated Widowed Other
9. If your spouse/significant other is working, who is his/her employer and what are his/her responsibilities?

10. Have you or any of your family members been employed in the energy industry? YES NO
If **YES**, please explain: _____

11. Damages awarded by juries these days are: TOO HIGH TOO LOW ABOUT RIGHT NO OPINION
12. On **political issues**, do you consider yourself to be:
 VERY CONSERVATIVE CONSERVATIVE MODERATE LIBERAL VERY LIBERAL

13. Do you believe people would cheat or lie if they knew that they could get away with it and not get caught?

- YES NO No opinion

Please explain: _____

14. If supported by the evidence and the law, are you able to award punitive damages (extra damages to punish or deter wrongful conduct?) YES NO No opinion

Please explain: _____

15. Name 3 people that you:

MOST ADMIRE	LEAST ADMIRE
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.

16. Have you ever been in a situation where you believed you had an oral contract with someone, but the other party took the position that he or she had no enforceable agreement with you? Yes No

If **YES**, please explain: _____

17. What opinion, if any, do you have of big companies/big business?

- Mostly positive Mostly negative Not Sure/Neutral/No opinion

18. Are you unable to work and collecting federal, or workplace, disability benefits? Yes No

19. Do you now, or have you ever, suffered from chronic pain or fibromyalgia? Yes No

20. Do you believe you are frequently treated unfairly? Yes No

21. Would you say that you are someone who worries a great deal about being taken advantage of?

- Yes No

22. For whatever reason (religious, political, health, past experiences, etc.) have you already concluded that you could not be a fair and impartial juror in this case? YES NO

If **YES**, please explain: _____

Signature: _____

Sample Voir Dire Questions: An Employment Case

I understand what a hassle it can be to give up your time to be with us today. But please rest assured that what you are doing is very important, and thank you for taking the time to be a part of this process.

I know your time is valuable so I want to respect it by cutting to the chase. As in every kind of case, people would be perfect jurors for a case like this one and others might have opinions or experiences or feelings that would probably make this not the best case for you to decide. Only you know—and only you can tell us—whether you would be a good juror for this case. So, what I'm going to do is ask you some direct questions and trust you to tell me whether you feel like you could be a fair juror in this case or if you think you should take a pass on this one.

So, please, don't be put off by my direct questions. You can feel free to tell me candidly what your thoughts are. I know this whole courtroom setting can be a bit intimidating, but you will not hurt my feelings if you speak up and say what is in your heart, and you certainly won't be in any trouble for telling us your honest feelings. If what you have to say is negative, that's all right; in fact, it is what we need to know, so please feel free to be as direct with me as I am with you. And if there is something that you need to say in private, please let me know.

So, let me get right to it with a few basic questions:

- Does anyone have any negative feelings about Company X for any reason?
- How many of you feel that if someone like Mr. Black has gone to the trouble of filing a lawsuit there must be some merit to his case?
- How many of you already feel that Company X should have to accept at least some responsibility for the problems Mr. Black is claiming in this case? Why?
- How many of you feel that an employer must have done something wrong if an employee feels unfairly treated at work?

Negative workplace experiences and attitudes

- Have you ever lost a job you really wanted to keep? Tell me about that. Were you treated unfairly?
- Have you ever been wrongfully fired from a job?
- Have you ever been actively discriminated against on the job?

Damages

- How many of you would have difficulty awarding zero dollars to someone who said he was treated badly in the workplace?
- How many of you would say you strongly support pain and suffering damages (money damages awarded by juries to compensate a person for the pain and suffering associated with their injuries)?

Sample Rating Sheet for Juror Questionnaire: An Oil Case

Evaluation Summary/Notes:

CAUSE

Q33 Filed lawsuit against Company X
Q41 Can't be fair
Q48 Other important information

Comment:

BEST PREDICTORS

Q17 Health **FAIR** or **POOR**
Q27 Seriously considered suing someone
Q35 **LOT MORE** government regulation
Q36 Oil companies **UNTRUSTWORTHY**
Q45 Jury awards **TOO LOW**

Comment:

Other Good Plaintiff Predictors

Q23 Likes liberal programming (MSNBC, NPR)
Q24 Politically **VERY LIBERAL** or **LIBERAL**
Q26 Hired lawyer/law firm before

Comment:

Other Relevant Information

Q16 Self/someone worked in refinery
Q44 Cannot award punitive damages
Q47 Knows plaintiffs

Comment:

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