

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
WESTERN DIVISION

Plaintiff,

v.

No.

Defendant.

As prospective jurors of this jury, you will be asked questions by me and the attorneys to determine whether you are to be selected to try this case. The purpose of the questioning is to enable the court to determine whether or not any prospective juror should be excused for cause. In addition, each party has a right to excuse a certain number of jurors without assigning any cause. If you are excused you should not consider it a reflection on you in any way.

The questions asked of you are not designed to pry into your personal affairs, but to discover if you have any knowledge of this particular case, have any preconceived opinion which you cannot lay aside, or if you have had any experience in life that might cause you to identify yourself with any of the parties. These questions are necessary to assure each party an impartial jury.

This case is expected to take ____ days to try; will this fact present a special problem to any member of the panel?

This is an action for (declaratory, injunctive and monetary relief) brought by plaintiff ____, against the defendant _____. Plaintiff asserts _____.

Has any member of the panel heard or read anything about this case?

Counsel for the plaintiff is ____ of ____, in ____ and counsel for the defendant is _____ of ____, in _____.

Does any member of the panel or his or her immediate family know or has had any business dealings with any of the counsel or their law firms?

Appearing as a representative for the plaintiff is _____;
appearing as a representative for the defendants is _____.

Is any member of the panel or his or her immediate family personally acquainted with, related to, had any business dealings, employed by, or had any similar relationship or business connection with, or is a stockholder of any party in this case?

Prospective witnesses in this case are (read from pre-trial order)

Does any member of the panel know any of the prospective witnesses?

Has any member of the panel ever served as a juror in a criminal or civil case, or as a member of a grand jury either in the federal or state court?

Have you or anyone in your immediate family ever participated in a lawsuit as a party or in any other capacity?

If you are selected to sit on this case, will you be able to render 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 the instructions, disregarding any other ideas, notions, or beliefs about the law that you may have encountered in reaching your verdict?

Does any member of the panel have any special disability or problem that would make it difficult or impossible to serve as a member of the jury?

I will now permit counsel to conduct additional voir dire examination.

Ladies and gentlemen, having heard the questions put to you by the court and counsel, do you know of any other reason why you could not sit on this jury and render a fair and impartial verdict based upon on the evidence presented and in the context of the court's instruction on the law?

Counsel may mark their challenges.