

Judge Mary E. Roberts

General *Voir Dire* Questions – Criminal Case

1. Have you heard of this case?
2. Do you know any attorney, member of the court staff, or the judge?
3. Do you know any other juror?
4. (The Court will read the list of potential witnesses). Do you know any of the witnesses named?
5. Is any juror familiar with (the scene of any incident(s))?
6. Hardships?
7. Are you, a close friend, or relative connected with law enforcement?
8. Have you, a close friend, or relative ever been a victim of a crime?
9. [Do you have experience with DV, or are you connected to any DV advocacy group?]
10. Have you, a close friend, or relative ever been accused, rightly or wrongly, of a crime?
11. Have you, a close friend, or a relative ever been a witness to a crime?
12. Have you ever been a witness in court?
13. Have you had prior experience as a juror in a criminal case? As presiding juror in a criminal case?
14. Have you had prior experience as a juror in a civil case? As presiding juror?
15. Have you received any legal training?
16. I will instruct you on the law of the case. Is there anyone among you who cannot assure the parties and me that you will follow these instructions regardless of what you may personally believe the law is or ought to be?
17. You will be instructed that the defendant is presumed to be innocent unless and until proven guilty, and that the burden is upon the State to prove the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. Is there anyone among you who has a quarrel with these principles of law?