

STANDARD VOIR DIRE QUESTIONS FOR CIVIL PATENT CASES

JUDGE ROBINSON

1. You have been given a list of companies and organizations.
 - (a) Have you or a member of your immediate family ever worked for any of these companies or organizations?
 - (b) Do you or a member of your immediate family now own, or have you or any such member ever owned, any stocks or bonds in any of those companies or organizations?
 - (c) Have you or a member of your immediate family had any dealings with, or relied financially in any way on, any of the companies or organizations?
 - (d) Have you or a member of your immediate family had any experience with the products of any of those companies or otherwise have any strong feelings, positive or negative, toward any of these companies or organizations?
2. You have been given a list of the attorneys and law firms involved in this litigation. Are you related to, or personally acquainted with, any of those attorneys, or have you ever been represented by any of those attorneys or other associates or members of the listed law firms?
3. You have been given a list of the individuals who might appear as witnesses in this case. Are you related to, or personally acquainted with, any of those individuals?
4. You have been given a list of subject areas. Have you ever been educated, employed, trained, or had any experience in any of the following limited areas?

5. Do you have any personal knowledge of this case, or have you read or heard it discussed, or have an opinion regarding it?
6. Have you ever been a plaintiff, a defendant, or a witness in a civil lawsuit?
7. Have you ever served as a juror in a civil lawsuit?
8. Do you have any knowledge about or experience with patents, including applying for a patent?
9. Have you ever worked for a company that had patented products or processes?
10. Have you ever been involved in the development of a new product or process?
11. Have you or a member of your immediate family ever had any dealings with the United States Patent and Trademark Office?
12. Do you have any strong opinions about a patent granting exclusive rights to the inventors or their employer?
13. Do you believe it would be wrong for someone to profit from his invention or discovery?
14. Do you have any special disability or problem that would make it difficult or impossible for you to serve as a member of the jury in this case?
15. Do you know of any other matter which you believe should be called to the court's attention as having some bearing upon your qualifications or ability to sit as a juror, or which you think may prevent you from rendering a fair and impartial verdict based solely upon the evidence and my instructions as to the law?