

STANDARD VOIR DIRE

1. *Judge will give a brief description of the case.* Are you familiar with this case or have you heard or read anything about it?

2. *Judge will ask counsel to introduce themselves.* Have you or a relative had any business dealings with any of the attorneys or their law firms?

3. *Judge will ask counsel to introduce the parties and their predecessors in interest.* Do you know any of the parties or any of the following:

4. *Judge will ask counsel to name any witnesses they expect to call.* Do you know any of the witnesses that counsel just mentioned?

5. 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 given to you in my instructions in reaching your verdict and disregard any other ideas, notions, or beliefs about the law that you may have?

6. 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?

7. On most days, jurors will be expected to sit from 9:00 in the morning until 5:00 in the evening. There will be a one-hour lunch break and at least a 15 minute break in the morning and afternoon. The trial is expected to be completed by _____. In light of this schedule and the anticipated length of trial, is there any member of the panel who would be unable to sit as a juror in the case for that period of time?

8. Have you, a relative or close friend had any experience with patents, patent law, patented technology, trade secrets or the United States Patent and Trademark Office?

9. Do you or does your employer rely on patented technology or trade secret information as part of its business?

10. Do you have any beliefs or feelings concerning patents, and the efforts to enforce patents that might make you biased or prejudiced for or against the enforcement of patents?

11. Are you opposed to a company paying a damage award if it infringes a patent?

12. Have you or any close family member had any legal education or training?

13. Have you ever served as a juror before?

14. Have you or any close family member ever sued or been sued?

15. Have you ever given testimony in a civil lawsuit or have you ever testified in a deposition, courtroom or hearing?

Voir Dire by the parties (limited to 10 additional questions for each side).

FINAL QUESTION: Having heard the questions put to you by the court, is there any other reason as to why you could not sit on this jury and render a fair and impartial verdict based on the evidence presented to you and the context of the court's instructions to you on the law?