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Twenty-Second Judicial District Circuit Courts

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TO: 22nd Judicial District Bar Association

FROM: George W. Neilson, Presiding Judge
Amy Bonkosky, Trial Court Administrator

RE: Juror Questionnaires

Attached is a copy of the updated juror questionnaire for the 22nd Judicial District. We will start using this questionnaire in July of 2005. Based on the Attorney General's public records order of April 2, 1991, the State Court Administrator's Office (SCAO) has advised courts not to use juror questionnaires containing or seeking the name, address, and home phone number of jurors. The OSCA recommends that courts instead use juror numbers from the master or jury term list on the questionnaire. In this way, the names, addresses, and phone numbers can be cross-referenced by court personnel if necessary, but will not be available from the questionnaire itself.

You will note that the bottom of the form directs the juror to fill out the back of the form. The back of the form is a confidential document for court use only which contains, in addition to other information, the juror eligibility certification, juror per diem eligibility, and availability dates.

As of the July/August term of this year the attached juror questionnaire is the questionnaire that will be placed in the juror notebooks in the courtrooms for attorney use. Although, this might seem less efficient than having the names in front of you, please keep in mind that our utmost concern must be to ensure confidentiality for the jurors and to help them feel safe. We have added several new questions to the questionnaire and hope that they prove useful to you during voir dire.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

c: Judges
Court Staff