

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
JUDGE LIN'S STANDARD SUPPLEMENTAL
QUESTIONS FOR JUROR QUESTIONNAIRES**

The Standard Juror Questionnaire is available under the Standing Orders portion of Judge Lin's webpage. As explained in the Court's Standing Orders, the parties and the Court can include a maximum of ten supplemental questions on the questionnaire.

Criminal Trials

In criminal cases, Judge Lin commonly includes the following questions on the supplemental questionnaire, absent an objection from the parties:

1. Do you have any especially strong opinions or beliefs about race, immigration status, national origin, ethnicity, sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation that could affect your ability to serve as a fair and impartial juror? Yes ___ No ___. If yes, please explain:
2. Is there anything else about your experiences, opinions, or beliefs, whether religious, moral, ethical, or philosophical, that could affect your ability to serve as a juror? Yes ___ No ___. If yes, please explain:
3. In a criminal trial, the government has accused a person of committing a crime, but that person has denied committing the crime. The law requires you to presume that the defendant is innocent, and you may not convict the defendant unless the government has proved that the defendant is guilty of the crime beyond a reasonable doubt. The judge will provide you with instructions about the "reasonable doubt" standard later, but if the government doesn't meet its burden under that standard, the jury may not convict the defendant, even if the defendant presents no evidence or witnesses. Do you have any concerns about presuming the defendant innocent and holding the government to its

burden of proving its case beyond a reasonable doubt? Yes ___ No ___. If yes, please explain:

4. It is the judge's job, not the jury's, to determine punishment. The law does not permit you to consider the issue of punishment because there are factors—factors having nothing to do with this trial—that will determine the appropriate sentence in the event you find the defendant guilty. Do you have any concerns about deciding this case without regard to potential punishment? Yes ___ No ___. If yes, please explain:
5. The trial likely will begin on [date] and should be done by [date]. The trial will be held every weekday except Tuesdays. The trial day will likely begin at 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. and end between 1:00 and 1:30 p.m., with two fifteen-minute breaks. Do you have any serious issues that prevent you from serving as a juror in this case (such as medical or public health concerns, prepaid travel plans, financial concerns, or family responsibilities)? Keep in mind that if you are unable to serve for this trial, you could be placed on another, longer trial in the coming months.
Yes ___ No ___. If yes, please explain:

Civil Trials

In civil cases, Judge Lin commonly includes the following questions on the supplemental questionnaire, absent an objection from the parties:

1. This is a civil lawsuit about a dispute involving [general topic of the case (*e.g.*, “allegedly defective tires” or “alleged employment discrimination”)]. Do you have any experiences or strong opinions that could affect your ability to serve as a juror in a case like this? Yes ___ No ___. If yes, please explain:
2. Do you have any especially strong opinions or beliefs about race, immigration status, national origin, ethnicity, sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation that could affect your ability to serve as a fair and impartial juror? Yes ___ No ___. If yes, please explain:

3. The trial likely will begin on [date] and should be done by [date]. The trial will be held every weekday except Tuesdays. The trial day will likely begin at 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. and end between 1:00 and 1:30 p.m., with two fifteen-minute breaks. Do you have any serious issues that prevent you from serving as a juror in this case (such as medical or public health concerns, prepaid travel plans, financial concerns, or family responsibilities)? Keep in mind that if you are unable to serve for this trial, you could be placed on another, longer trial in the coming months.

Yes ___ No ___. If yes, please explain: