

## **DEFENDANT-RELATED VOIR DIRE QUESTIONS**

- 1. AGE RELATED:**
  - a. Is there anything about the defendant's age that would make it difficult to return a verdict of guilty if such guilt was proven to you beyond a reasonable doubt?**
  - b. Is there anything about the defendant's age that would prevent you from following the court's instruction that sympathy is not to be part of the jury's deliberation process?**
  - c. How do you feel about sitting as a juror in a case where the defendant is \_\_\_\_\_ (particular age of defendant)? Would that fact cause a problem for you? If so, why?**
- 2. PRO PER:**
  - a. Will the fact that the defendant has chosen to represent himself or chosen not to have an attorney represent him affect your decision in this case?**
  - b. Will you give him a benefit-of-the-doubt solely because he has chosen to represent himself (or Will you hold him to the same standards as you would if he were represented by an attorney)?**
  - c. Do you understand that you are not to give the defendant any extra consideration because he is representing himself?**
  - d. Will you be able to set aside any feelings of pity or sympathy because he is here without an attorney?**
- 3. YOUTHFUL:**
  - a. Does anyone think the defendant is entitled to any consideration of leniency because of his age or youthful appearance?**
  - b. Are any of your children or grandchildren the approximate age of the defendant? How old is that child/grandchild? Will that similarity have any impact on your ability to be impartial to both sides?**

**4. FEMALE/MALE:**

- a. Is there anything about the defendant's gender that would make it difficult to return a verdict of guilty if such guilt was proven to you beyond a reasonable doubt?**
- b. Is there anything about the defendant's gender that would prevent you from following the court's instruction that sympathy is not to be part of the jury's deliberation process?**
- c. How do you feel about sitting as a juror where the defendant is a male/female? What impact would their gender have on your deliberations?**

**5. GANG MEMBER DEFENDANT**

- a. Self/family/close friend ever been a member of a gang or affiliated with a gang? Describe.**
- b. Familiar with gangs for some reason? How or why? What are your feelings about gangs based on this familiarity?**
- c. Anyone feel that law enforcement unfairly targets or picks on gang members? Explain.**