

PUBLIC NOTICE CONCERNING JURY SELECTION PROCEDURES

This Notice constitutes compliance with the Judicial Administration & Technical Amendments Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-406) and 28 U.S.C. § 1866(a), and informs the general public of the procedures by which juror names are periodically and randomly drawn for potential service at the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois.

For purposes of jury selection, the judicial district for Southern Illinois is divided into two divisions: East St. Louis (11 counties) and Benton (27 counties). Jurors in the Southern District of Illinois are drawn from official voter registration listings, supplemented by lists of State of Illinois licensed drivers 18 years or older. Both of these sources form the Court's Master Jury Wheels for each division. All potential juror names are stored in electronic format and reside in an automated database. Names of potential jurors are then randomly drawn from the Court's Master Jury Wheels by division. Potential jurors receive a juror qualification questionnaire in order to determine if they are legally qualified to serve as a juror. All of the jury selection processes used by the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois are performed using a properly programmed electronic data processing system based upon randomized selection procedures. The randomized procedures ensure that the odds of any single source name being picked are substantially equalized mathematically, eliminating human discretion.