

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
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COLLECTION OF JUROR) Administrative Order
BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION) No. 2021 - 54
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The Arizona Supreme Court is committed to promoting public trust and confidence in our jury system. That commitment continues today with a focus on juries and the need to ensure that they fairly represent a cross-section of the local community.

The judiciary recognizes the importance of juror summoning and jury selection practices which result in juries representative of the communities they serve. As provided in Section 5-203 of the Arizona Code of Judicial Administration Arizona, courts “should collect and analyze information regarding the performance of the jury system on a regular basis in order to ensure the representativeness of the master jury list, inclusiveness of the master jury list, effectiveness of qualification and summoning procedures, and the responsiveness of individual citizens to jury service summons.”

Therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that, effective on July 1, 2021:

1. All municipal, justice and superior courts shall collect from prospective jurors the information set forth in Appendix A.
2. Courts shall provide prospective jurors the opportunity to answer the demographic questions in Appendix A from the point of prospective juror qualification through juror selection.
3. Responses to these biographical questions shall promptly be entered into jury management software.
4. Courts shall report this data to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) annually, on a fiscal year basis, on a schedule set forth by the Administrative Director.

Dated this 21st day of April, 2021.

ROBERT BRUTINEL
Chief Justice

APPENDIX A

The juror biographical questions and response choices shall be asked of prospective jurors using the following language and in the following order:

Please indicate gender:

Male

Female

Are you of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity?

Yes

No

Please indicate race:

Black/African American

White

Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

American Indian/Alaska Native

Asian

Other

This language shall accompany the questions:

These answers are required solely to avoid discrimination in juror selection and have absolutely no bearing on qualifications for jury service. By answering these questions, you help the court monitor the juror selection process so that discrimination does not occur. In this way the court can fulfill its legal obligation to provide jurors who are randomly selected from a fair cross section of this community.