

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT District of Rhode Island

NOTICE OF DRAWING OF NAMES FOR REFILL OF MASTER JURY WHEEL

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1861, all litigants in Federal Courts entitled to trial by jury shall have the right to grand and petit juries selected at random from a fair cross-section of the community in the district or division wherein the court convenes.

In accordance with the Jury Selection Plan for the United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island, each odd-numbered year, the master jury wheel will be emptied, and refilled by selecting names at random from a merged source list of voter registration records maintained by the Secretary of State of Rhode Island and lists of active licensed drivers and state identification card holders as maintained by the State of Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles.

Names are then randomly drawn from the master jury wheel to receive juror qualification questionnaires. An individual's answer to the questionnaires determines whether he or she is legally qualified to serve. The names of those qualified to serve are put on a second wheel referred to as a qualified jury wheel.

The second step of the process begins when prospective jurors are needed for a petit or grand jury service. A Summons for Jury Service is sent to persons randomly selected from the qualified jury wheel.

All of these selections are carried out through a properly programmed electronic data processing system for pure randomized selection. The pure randomized process ensures that the mathematical odds of any single name being picked are substantially equal.

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