

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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In the Matter of:	)	
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COLLECTION OF JUROR	)	Administrative Order
BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION	)	No. 2023 - <u>121</u>
	)	(Replacing Administrative Order
	)	No. 2021-54)
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The Arizona Supreme Court is committed to promoting public trust and confidence in Arizona’s jury system and recognizes the importance of juror summoning and jury selection practices that result in juries that are representative of the communities they serve.

The Arizona Code of Judicial Administration § 5-203 provides that courts should collect and analyze information regarding the performance of the jury system on a regular basis in order to ensure the representativeness and inclusiveness of the master jury list, the effectiveness of qualification and summoning procedures, and the responsiveness of individual citizens to jury service summonses. To that end, this Court issued Administrative Order No. 2021-54 on April 21, 2021, to require that certain biographical information be collected from prospective jurors through standardized questions and response choices. It has become necessary to update the available response choices and the explanation provided to prospective jurors for collecting this information.

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

IT IS ORDERED that the superior court in each county and all municipal and justice courts shall collect biographical information from prospective jurors who are willing to provide this information, using the questions and response choices as set forth in the Appendix. Courts that summon prospective jurors shall request this information at the qualification stage and when the prospective juror appears for service. Courts that do not summon prospective jurors shall request this information when the prospective juror appears for service.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that courts shall present the questions and response choices using the same verbiage and in the same order as set forth in the Appendix.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following verbiage shall precede the questions and response choices as set forth in the Appendix:

“The following are asked for the purpose of ensuring that jury selection reflects a fair cross-section of the community. Your responses have no bearing on your qualifications for jury service. By answering below, you assist the court in monitoring the jury selection process.”

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if a court has jury management software, it shall establish policies and procedures for promptly entering responses into the software application. If a court does not have jury management software, it shall establish policies and procedures to record and compile responses using an alternative method.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that courts shall report this data to the Administrative Office of the Courts annually on a fiscal year basis, and on a schedule and in a manner determined by the Administrative Director.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order replaces Administrative Order No. 2021-54.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2023.

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ROBERT BRUTINEL  
Chief Justice

## APPENDIX

*The following are asked for the purpose of ensuring that jury selection reflects a fair cross-section of the community. Your responses have no bearing on your qualifications for jury service. By answering below, you assist the court in monitoring the jury selection process.*

*Gender:*

*Male*

*Female*

*Are you of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity?*

*Yes*

*No*

*Race (select one):*

*Black/African American*

*White*

*Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander*

*American Indian/Alaska Native*

*Asian*

*Other*

*2 or More Races*