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## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1861 all litigants "have the right to grand and petit jurors selected at random from a fair cross section of the community." The court uses a two-step process to select jurors. First, a master jury wheel is created every two years following general elections by selecting names at random from Louisiana voter registration lists and licensed drivers/identification card holder lists who are U.S. Citizens and over 18 years of age from each parish in this district. Then, names are randomly drawn periodically from the master jury wheel to receive juror qualification questionnaires. Individuals' answers to these questionnaires determine whether they are legally qualified to serve. If so, the names of those persons are put on a second wheel, a qualified jury wheel. As prospective jurors are needed for a specific trial or grand jury, juror summonses are sent to persons randomly selected from the qualified 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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