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PUBLIC NOTICE CONCERNING JURY SELECTION PROCEDURES

This Notice constitutes compliance with the Judicial Administration & Technical Amendments Act of 2008 (Pub. L. No. 110-406) 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 District of Vermont.

Prior to the use of computers and automated processes, the selection of jurors for potential jury service within the U.S. District Court for the District of Vermont began with a procedure whereby names were selected from city and town Voter Registration lists randomly but manually. As this procedure was performed by hand, it was observable and open to the public. With the reliance upon automated computer systems, the selection of juror names is now totally performed using computers and the actual selection of names is no longer physically observable.

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." Effective with the November 2008 Presidential election and the completion date for the Court's next Master Jury Refill – July 1, 2009 – jurors will be drawn from official voter registration listings as supplemented by State of Vermont licensed drivers. These two sources will thus form the basis of the Court's "Master Jury Wheels." All potential juror names will be stored in an electronic format and will reside in an automated database. Based upon the needs of the Court, names of potential jurors will then be randomly drawn from the Court's Master Jury Wheels. Individuals selected receive a juror qualification questionnaire in order to determine if the individual is legally qualified and available to serve as a juror. Individuals ultimately qualified are expected to report for jury service. All of the jury selection processes used by the U.S. District Court for the District of Vermont are performed using a properly-programmed electronic data processing system based upon pure, randomized selection procedures. The pure randomized process ensures that the mathematical odds of any single source name being picked are substantially and mathematically equal.

Anyone interested in additional information regarding the District of Vermont's juror selection process may contact Jury Administrator Kathleen Carter at (802) 951-6395 X 110.