

## JUROR QUESTIONNAIRE

**Dear Prospective Juror:**

You are on the jury panel for the case of Wisconsin v. Eric Koula.

This case involves the deaths of Dennis and Merna Koula, whose bodies were found in their home in the town of Barre on May 24, 2010. They had been shot to death. Their son, Eric Koula, is accused of first degree intentional homicide and forgery related to their deaths. Eric Koula has entered a plea of not guilty to these charges.

The jury in this case will be asked to listen to the evidence presented in court and make their decision based **ONLY** on the evidence they hear in court.

As a member of this jury panel, you are instructed that you **MUST NOT** do any research of any kind on this case.

You are not allowed to:

- Read any articles, blogs or other material on the internet about this case or the people involved.
- Read any articles in the newspaper related to this case.
- Listen to any reports on the television related to this case.
- Talk to **anyone** about this case, including your spouse or partner and other family members.

We understand that you may have already heard or read about this case at some time. But you must not do any more reading or talking about the case.

Please fill out the following questionnaire and return it by \_\_\_\_\_

The information on this questionnaire is for the judge and attorneys involved in this case. Please answer **all** of the questions as **completely** and **honestly** as you can.

As you answer the questions, please keep in mind that there are no "right" or "wrong" answers. Just read each question carefully and give an honest answer.

Again, you **must not** discuss your answers with anyone or do any research of any kind on this case.

If you need help with the questionnaire, contact the Clerk of Court for assistance.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Circuit Judge Scott Horne

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_
2. What city or township do you live in? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How long have you lived there? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where did you grow up? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Describe your educational background, including: 1) last grade completed  
2) name of any vocational school(s) and/or college(s) attended 3) major areas of study.  
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6. List your current occupation and employer and briefly describe your duties:  
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7. How long have you worked at this job? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What other types of jobs have you had in the last 5 years:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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9. Have any of your jobs involved supervisory responsibilities? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes No \_\_\_\_\_  
IF YES, how many people do or did you supervise? \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. Do you like to: \_\_\_\_\_ supervise others \_\_\_\_\_ work by yourself  
\_\_\_\_\_ work in group projects

11. What is your marital status?

<input type="checkbox"/> Married	<input type="checkbox"/> Single, never married
<input type="checkbox"/> Living with a partner	<input type="checkbox"/> Widowed
<input type="checkbox"/> Separated/Divorced	<input type="checkbox"/> Remarried

If **married, living with a partner, separated or divorced**, list spouse or partner's employer and occupation.

If **widowed** list spouse's last occupation.

His/Her occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

His/Her employer: \_\_\_\_\_

His/Her last grade level completed in school: \_\_\_\_\_

If more than high school, list his/her major areas of study or special training:

  
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12. List the occupations and educational background of any other adults in your household and their relationship to you:

  
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13. Have you ever served in the military?

Yes No \_\_\_\_\_

IF YES, please list branch, rank at discharge, place and date of service and if you ever served in the military police or worked in military court system:

  
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14. Please list any organizations you have belonged to or in which you participate. This could include veterans groups, service clubs, social clubs, unions, professional, volunteer, church, neighborhood, educational or political groups:

  
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15. Have you ever held an office or been involved in any community organization or governmental body? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes No \_\_\_\_\_

IF YES, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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16. What do you like to do in your spare time? \_\_\_\_\_

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17. What type of books do you enjoy reading? \_\_\_\_\_

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18. What are your favorite television programs? \_\_\_\_\_

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19. What TV programs do you watch involving law enforcement, the law or the courts?

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20. What are your sources of news?  Radio  TV  Newspaper  Internet

21. Do you read a newspaper on a regular basis? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes No \_\_\_\_\_

IF YES, what sections do you read? \_\_\_\_\_

22. What newspapers or magazines do you read on a regular basis?

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23. What radio programs do you listen to regularly? \_\_\_\_\_

25. Have you or anyone close to you ever taken **any courses or training** in, **worked** or have any **expertise** in any of the following occupations or fields:

**LAW:** lawyer, judge, legal secretary, law office, etc. \_\_\_\_\_ Yes No \_\_\_\_\_

**LAW ENFORCEMENT or CRIMINOLOGY:**

police officer, highway patrol, FBI, sheriff, corrections,  
state crime bureau, security, etc. \_\_\_\_\_ Yes No \_\_\_\_\_

**FIREARMS**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes No \_\_\_\_\_

**IF YES TO ANY OF THE ABOVE**, please explain whether this is yourself, a relative or friend, courses or job held and dates of employment:

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26. Have you ever served on a jury? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes No \_\_\_\_\_

IF YES, please answer the following:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Type of Case</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Outcome</u>
_____	Criminal	_____	_____
_____	Civil	_____	_____
_____	Criminal	_____	_____
_____	Civil	_____	_____
_____	Criminal	_____	_____
_____	Civil	_____	_____

How did you feel about your experience as a juror? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Were you ever the foreperson? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes No \_\_\_\_\_

27. Have you or anyone close to you, ever:

been a victim of a crime	Yes	No	_____
witnessed a crime	Yes	No	_____
been interviewed or questioned by the police	Yes	No	_____
been a witness in court	Yes	No	_____
sued someone	Yes	No	_____
been sued	Yes	No	_____
been charged with a crime	Yes	No	_____
been convicted of a crime	Yes	No	_____
made a charge against someone	Yes	No	_____

IF YES to any of the above, please explain whether this was yourself, a relative or friend, and what happened for each occurrence:

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28. Has anyone you know ever been murdered, or died a violent death? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

IF YES, is this: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Child \_\_\_\_\_ Family \_\_\_\_\_ Friend

Please briefly describe the circumstances: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

29. Have you or anyone you know ever been the victim of violence such as a physical assault, domestic violence or any other violence? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

IF YES, is this: \_\_\_\_\_ Yourself \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Child \_\_\_\_\_ Family \_\_\_\_\_ Friend

For each incident, please describe the circumstances:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

30. You will be hearing testimony from several police officers in this case. Do you think you would give police officers more credibility, less credibility or the same amount of credibility as other witnesses who were not police officers?

\_\_\_\_\_ more credibility \_\_\_\_\_ less credibility \_\_\_\_\_ the same credibility

Please explain your answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

31. Do you or anyone close to you have any connections to the LaCrosse County Sheriff's Department, the LaCrosse Police Department or the LaCrosse County Prosecutor's Office, Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI), Wisconsin State Crime Lab? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

IF YES, is this: \_\_\_\_\_ Yourself \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Child \_\_\_\_\_ Family \_\_\_\_\_ Friend

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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32. Do you have any problem with the legal proposition that a defendant must be presumed innocent unless and until the prosecution can prove he or she is guilty? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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33. Do you have any problem with the legal proposition that a defendant must be proved guilty beyond a reasonable doubt or he or she must be found not guilty? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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34. Do you think if the state goes to the trouble of bringing someone to trial, the person is probably guilty? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you say that? \_\_\_\_\_

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35. This case involves the deaths of Dennis and Merna Koula, whose bodies were found in their home in Barre on May 24, 2010. They had been shot to death. Their son, Eric Koula, is accused of first degree intentional homicide and forgery related to their deaths. Eric Koula has entered a plea of not guilty to these charges.

Have you heard anything about this case or the people involved or did you see or hear any news reports about it on the radio, TV, internet or in the newspaper? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**IF YES**, what have you heard or read about this case?

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What stands out in your mind about what you have read or heard?

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Do you or anyone you know have any connection to this case or the people involved? This could include police officers, investigators, people who were interviewed, family members of people who were interviewed or who know the family.  Yes  No

**IF YES**, please explain: 

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Have you ever expressed the opinion that Mr. Koula was guilty?  Yes  No

Do you have any feelings at this time that you have made up your mind as to Mr. Koula's guilt?  Yes  No

**IF YES**, would you have any difficulty putting these feelings out of your mind if you were chosen to be a juror?  Yes  No

36. Do you have any religious or philosophical beliefs that would make it difficult for you to be a juror in this case?  Yes  No

**IF YES**, please describe: 

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37. This trial is expected to last from December 5<sup>th</sup> until December 21<sup>st</sup>. Do you have a prior commitment that would preclude you from serving on this jury?  Yes  No

**IF YES**, what is that commitment: 

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38. Is there any reason why you could not be impartial in this case?  Yes  No

**IF YES**, please explain: 

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39. Is there anything else the judge and attorneys should know about you in relation to serving on this jury? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes No \_\_\_\_\_

IF YES, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

40. Do you or anyone you are close to **know or do business or have any other kind of social or personal connection** with any of the following people, law offices or organizations?

	No connection	Have heard of	Know or have met	Know someone with a connection	Please explain
Eric Koula	_____	_____	_____	_____	
Dennis Koula	_____	_____	_____	_____	
Merna Koula	_____	_____	_____	_____	
Christine Koula	_____	_____	_____	_____	
Dexter Koula	_____	_____	_____	_____	
Hadley Koula	_____	_____	_____	_____	
Cynthia Cowell	_____	_____	_____	_____	
Patrick Cowell	_____	_____	_____	_____	
Jossie Cowell	_____	_____	_____	_____	
Leroy Koula	_____	_____	_____	_____	
Nicholas Harring	_____	_____	_____	_____	
Kurt Papenfuss, La Crosse Co. Sheriff's Dept.	_____	_____	_____	_____	
Jeff Wolf, La Crosse Co. Sheriff's Dept.	_____	_____	_____	_____	
John Siegel, La Crosse Co. Sheriff's Dept.	_____	_____	_____	_____	
John Zimmerman, La Crosse Co. Sheriff's Dept.	_____	_____	_____	_____	
Fritz Leinfelder, La	_____	_____	_____	_____	

	No connection	Have heard of	Know or have met	Know someone with a connection	Please explain
Crosse Co. Sheriff's Dept.	—	—	—	—	
Mark Yehle, La Crosse Co. Sheriff's Dept.	—	—	—	—	
Daren Schieldt, La Crosse Co. Sheriff's Dept.	—	—	—	—	
Brian Wierzbicki, La Crosse Co. Sheriff's Dept.	—	—	—	—	
James Jacobson, La Crosse Co. Sheriff's Dept.	—	—	—	—	
Bill Lubinski, La Crosse Co. Sheriff's Dept.	—	—	—	—	
Richard Amundsen, La Crosse Co. Sheriff's Dept.	—	—	—	—	
Steve Helgeson, La Crosse Co. Sheriff's Dept.	—	—	—	—	
John Williams, La Crosse Co. Sheriff's Dept.	—	—	—	—	
Brandon Stoughtenger, La Crosse Co. Sheriff's Dept.	—	—	—	—	
Michael Blokhuis, La Crosse Police Dept.	—	—	—	—	
Tim Nichols, Jackson Co. Sheriff's Dept.	—	—	—	—	
Lisa Wilson, WI Dept. of Justice	—	—	—	—	
John Christopherson, WI Dept. of Justice	—	—	—	—	
John Spalles, WI Dept. of Justice	—	—	—	—	
Robert Powell, WI Dept. of Justice	—	—	—	—	
Dave Forsythe, WI Dept. of Justice	—	—	—	—	
Paul Sogla, WI Dept.	—	—	—	—	

	No connection	Have heard of	Know or have met	Know someone with a connection	Please explain
of Justice					
Joe Welsch, WI Dept. of Justice	____	____	____	____	
William Boswell, WI Dept. of Justice	____	____	____	____	
William Newhouse, WI Crime Lab	____	____	____	____	
Christine Byars, WI Dept. of Justice	____	____	____	____	
Tim Candahl, WI Dept. of Justice	____	____	____	____	
Charles Cates, WI Crime Lab	____	____	____	____	
John Ertl, WI Crime Lab	____	____	____	____	
Margaret Ewing, WI Crime Lab	____	____	____	____	
Lourdes Fernandez, WI Dept. of Justice	____	____	____	____	
Larry Flessert, WI Dept. of Justice	____	____	____	____	
Cindy Giese, WI Dept. of Justice	____	____	____	____	
Linda Gray, WI Dept. of Justice	____	____	____	____	
James Holmes, WI Dept. of Justice	____	____	____	____	
Chris Kalina, WI Dept. of Justice	____	____	____	____	
Jane Lewis, WI Crime Lab	____	____	____	____	
Marshall Reed, WI Crime Lab	____	____	____	____	
Tami Sleeman, WI Dept. of Justice	____	____	____	____	
Michelle Smith, WI Dept. of Justice	____	____	____	____	
Jennifer Zawacki, WI Crime Lab	____	____	____	____	
Lindsey Thomas, MD Regina Medical Center	____	____	____	____	
Emily Duncanson,					

	No connection	Have heard of	Know or have met	Know someone with a connection	Please explain
MD, Regina Medical Center	—	—	—	—	
Mary Jo Werner, WIPFLI	—	—	—	—	
Edward Jaekel, JRM & Associates	—	—	—	—	
Glen Grady	—	—	—	—	
Brian Wegner	—	—	—	—	
Mike Genz, Jr.	—	—	—	—	
Harlan Oldendorf	—	—	—	—	
Connie Oldendorf	—	—	—	—	
Ryan Biznik	—	—	—	—	
Helen Von Roo	—	—	—	—	
Jodi Scholl	—	—	—	—	
Paula Tart	—	—	—	—	
Myron Hanning	—	—	—	—	
Debra Johnson, D R Johnson & Ass.	—	—	—	—	
Jennifer Cartwright	—	—	—	—	
Hillary Victor	—	—	—	—	
Dave Grout	—	—	—	—	
Audrey Grout	—	—	—	—	
Douglas Beaver	—	—	—	—	
Dave Wappler	—	—	—	—	
Jennifer Wappler	—	—	—	—	
Tina Froeba	—	—	—	—	
Nigel Adcock	—	—	—	—	
Karyl Adcock	—	—	—	—	
Frank Plano	—	—	—	—	

	No connection	Have heard of	Know or have met	Know someone with a connection	Please explain
Michael Lenz	____	____	____	____	
Jeffrey Elliott	____	____	____	____	
Alex Meloy, J. Huell Briscoe & Ass.	____	____	____	____	
David W. Reinecke, Foley & Lardner LLP	____	____	____	____	
Debra Thompson RSM McGladrey, Inc.	____	____	____	____	
Ron Singer	____	____	____	____	
William Docken	____	____	____	____	
Patrick Juneau	____	____	____	____	
John Steers, Medical Examiner	____	____	____	____	
Jennifer Marks, Deputy Medical Examiner	____	____	____	____	
Robert Muth, LaCrosse Co. District Attorney's Office	____	____	____	____	
Tim Gruenke, LaCrosse Co. Prosecutor	____	____	____	____	
James Koby, attorney	____	____	____	____	
Keith Belzer, attorney	____	____	____	____	
Christopher Dyer, attorney	____	____	____	____	
Nicholas Thompson, attorney	____	____	____	____	
Randy Haller, former investigator, LaCrosse County Sheriff's Department	____	____	____	____	
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	No connection	Have heard of	Know or have met	Know someone with a connection	<b>Please explain</b>
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24. Are any of your answers to the questions on this questionnaire so personal that you would not want them to be discussed in open court? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes No \_\_\_\_\_

IF YES, which question(s): \_\_\_\_\_

25. I affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I have given complete and honest answers to all of the questions above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date