

## 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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\_\_\_\_\_  
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6. List your current occupation and employer and briefly describe your duties:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. How long have you worked at this job? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What other types of jobs have you had in the last 5 years:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Have any of your jobs involved supervisory responsibilities? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes No \_\_\_\_\_  
**IF YES**, how many people do or did you supervise? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Do you like to: \_\_\_\_\_ supervise others \_\_\_\_\_ work by yourself  
\_\_\_\_\_ work in group projects

11. What is your marital status?

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|--|--|
| <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:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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? \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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:

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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? \_\_\_\_\_

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?

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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



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	_____	_____	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	_____	_____	

	No connection	Have heard of	Know or have met	Know someone with a connection	Please explain
	_____	_____	_____	_____	

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