## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT Northern District of New York

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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 by selecting names at random from voter registration lists of all counties in the relevant division. The voter registration list is supplemented by lists of licensed drivers and tax filers for these counties from the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles and the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance. The three lists are merged and duplicate records are purged from the wheel. 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.

Second, 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.

Dated:

Lawrence K. Baerman, Clerk
United States District Court
Northern District of New York