

# WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF SERVING ON A JURY?

People may be apprehensive about jury duty and fear their time will be wasted or that the experience will be negative or an imposition.

Most jurors, however, find that the experience is positive. Jurors learn about the legal system as well as the particular subject matter of the lawsuit. They meet others and may even make new friends during their service. They have the satisfaction of knowing they have contributed to our system of justice that cannot work without them.

Court officials are careful to treat jurors courteously and professionally. They know that fair and just results for those before the court cannot be had without fair and impartial jurors. The benefits of jury service to the entire community are huge.

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# WHY IS JURY SERVICE SO IMPORTANT?

A juror is a very important person in our legal system because our justice system is based on the belief that a just and fair result in court comes from having disputes settled by our fellow citizens. Very few of us ever have to go to court as plaintiffs or defendants, but when we do, we want good, honest people to listen to the evidence and decide our cases fairly.

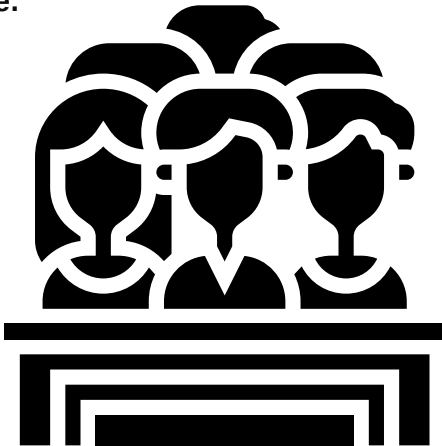
Therefore, when we are called to serve on a jury, we have an obligation to our fellow citizens to honor the summons and appear at court. Some cases may be more important than others, but to the parties involved, the case can be life-changing, and they deserve to have it decided by honest and impartial jurors.

# WHAT IF I IGNORE MY SUMMONS TO SERVE AS A JUROR OR SIMPLY DON'T SHOW UP?

A summons from the court is an order. If you ignore it, the court may issue a warrant for your arrest and punish you with contempt of court and other sanctions. Therefore, you must contact the court and discuss options for requesting an excuse or postponement of jury service.

# MAY I BE EXCUSED FROM JURY SERVICE?

The following persons can be excused from jury service: members of cloistered religious orders; people whose mental or physical condition renders them incapable of performing jury service, whose spouse or near relative has recently died or is seriously ill, whose jury service would cause them or someone in their care extreme physical or financial hardship, or who would be harmed or would harm the public by serving on a jury; those who are older than 75 years of age; those who are members of are cognized Amish sect; and members of the armed forces currently on active duty. Even if you fall within one of these categories, the court must approve your excuse. If the court excuses you, you will become eligible for jury selection again the next jury year. You may also ask that your jury service be postponed. To ask for an excuse or postponement, you must contact the court at least two business days before your scheduled service.



# I HAVE A DISABILITY. IF I AM CALLED FOR JURY SERVICE, WILL ACCOMMODATIONS BE MADE?

Courts will work with you to enable you to perform jury duty. Be sure to call the court that summoned you to discuss your needs.