

Welcome

You have been called to serve as a juror for Flagstaff Municipal Court. The right to trial by jury is deeply embedded in the history and culture of free societies. When Thomas Jefferson penned the Declaration of Independence, one of the grievances listed against the King of England was "...for depriving us in many cases the benefit of trial by jury."

An open, speedy, public trial by an impartial jury is guaranteed in both the Bill of Rights and the Arizona State Constitution. It is one of the fundamental values of our society. On a jury, people from all walks of life come together to enforce our society's beliefs, morality and fairness. Judge George H. Boldt wrote, "Jury service honorably performed is as important in the defense of our country, its constitution and laws, and the ideas and standards for which they stand, as the service that is rendered by the soldier on the field of battle in time of war."

We want your experience as a juror to be as positive as possible. We have put together this pamphlet to help answer some questions you may have and to give you an idea of what to expect. If you have any further questions about your jury service please call the court during business hours at (928) 774-1401.

QUALIFICATIONS

Arizona law states that a juror must be at least 18 years old, must be a U.S. citizen, must reside in the proper jurisdiction, must not have been convicted of a felony, and must not be currently judged by a court to be mentally incompetent or insane.

YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS

We must have your current address to mail you a check that will reimburse you for mileage and, if applicable, the daily \$12 jury service reimbursement. If your summons was sent to the wrong address, you are not a resident of the City of Flagstaff or you have legally changed your name, please notify the Court immediately.

TAKE A FREE RIDE TO COURT!

Save the hassle of trying to find parking downtown. Present your summons to the Mountain Line driver on your report date for free bus rides to and from court within the Flagstaff city limits. For route information, visit www.mountainline.az.gov or call 928-679-8900.

PARKING

Parking space downtown is always scarce. You will be issued a parking pass that identifies you as a juror, which can be placed on your dashboard after you have checked in with the Court.

LENGTH OF SERVICE

Arizona has the largest "one day/one trial" jury duty system in the country. This system means that if you are selected to be part of a jury, you will serve for the duration of that one trial. When the trial is over, your jury service is over. If you are selected from the jury pool, you will serve through the entire trial, usually one or two days, but occasionally longer. If you serve you will be considered to have completed your jury duty and should

not be called again for another 24 months.

PAYMENT FOR JUROR SERVICE

You will receive only mileage payment for the first day. If you are selected for a trial, you will receive \$12 per day, plus mileage for each day you serve.

HOW YOU WERE SELECTED

Each county has a jury commission that uses voter registration and driver's license lists to compile a master list of prospective jurors. The jury commission randomly selects names and sends a questionnaire to each person selected. The questionnaire is used to determine if the prospective juror is qualified to serve and whether there are valid grounds to excuse the person from service.

BEING EXCUSED FROM SERVICE

You can be excused from jury service, *but only for limited reasons*. Jury service is a civic duty and is extremely important to our system of justice.

You may be excused if:

- you are not legally qualified to serve as a juror,
- jury service would create undue hardship, or
- you cannot read, write or understand English.

The jury commissioner will inform you if you are excused. If you do not receive notification then you must still appear for service.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS?

You must respond to the summons. If you do not, then you may be found in contempt of court and be subject to arrest and a fine.

CHECKING IN

Call the Court's Jury Information line, (928) 556-1316, the night before you are scheduled to appear to see if your trial has been continued or vacated. If it has, then you do not need to appear.

If your trial is going, please arrive at the court at the time indicated and check in at the counter where the sign for Jury Check In is located.

THANK YOU!

We know that jury service can be an inconvenience and we appreciate your efforts to serve your community.