

PRESS RELEASE

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Juror Appreciation Week

Chief United States District Judge Federico A. Moreno announced today that the Southern District of Florida is sponsoring Juror Appreciation Week to recognize residents who have completed jury duty and to highlight the honor and importance of serving on a jury.

According to Chief Judge Moreno, the objective of Juror Appreciation Week is to show past and prospective jurors that their contributions are greatly appreciated by the Court.

“Jury service is a vital aspect of our government,” said Moreno. “When you serve as a juror, you not only serve your country, but you serve as an integral part of the justice system.” The Southern District of Florida is one of the busiest trial courts in the federal judiciary, issuing jury summons to over 100,000 jurors annually, from Fort Pierce to Key West, with approximately 12,000 jurors being called to report to courthouses annually. “We recognize that jury service is an imposition on the time and lives of our jurors. But a busy court like ours, which lead the nation in jury trials in 2010, simply could not function without civic minded, dedicated jurors.”

Jurors that are participating in petit and grand juries during the first week of May will be provided special refreshments and will have various Judges and the Clerk of Court participating in juror orientations. Special certificates will be issued commemorating their service. The Court’s website, www.flsd.uscourts.gov, will be updated to reflect our juror appreciation and to provide information about the history of jury service.

United States District Judge Patricia A. Seitz chairs the Court’s Committee on the Clerk’s Office, which oversees the Court’s Jury operations. “We want every juror to feel appreciated and to know how much the Judges and staff of the Southern District of Florida value their time and commitment to our system of justice.”

Please contact Steven M. Larimore, Court Administrator • Clerk of Court, if you have any questions.

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