



JUROR INFORMATION

The United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida has summoned you for jury service. It is important for you to appear and present yourself for jury service as requested; however, the Court wants you to know that we are aware of your health concerns during these challenging times. We are committed to your safety and will take every reasonable precaution to protect your health, as well as that of the parties, lawyers, and Court staff during jury selection and trial. You will be paid a \$50.00 attendance fee for each day you are required to report for jury duty. You will also receive reimbursement for transportation from your house to the courthouse, and you will be reimbursed for parking.

Your summons requires that you be available for service or "on call" for the two-week period indicated on your summons.

In order to comply with the summons, you must complete the following:

- **COVID-19 QUESTIONNAIRE (questions 1-6);**
- **REQUEST TO BE POSTPONED OR EXCUSED (questions 1-3)**
- **JUROR QUALIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE (questions 1-14)**
- **JUROR BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE (questions 1-26)**

You **MUST** return all completed forms within **TEN DAYS** of receipt. Please mail the completed forms to the U.S. District Court in the stamped, self-addressed envelope provided.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Unless the Court informs you that you are unqualified or excused, Beginning the night before your start date, you are required to call 1-800-865-1775 after 5:30 p.m. and listen to the information regarding your jury service.
2. If you are instructed to report, dress in appropriate business attire and bring photo identification with you. Please see the enclosed instructions for directions, parking, and security screening information.
3. To comply with the guidance of national and local health officials, we have implemented the following procedures to help keep you safe:
 - a. Jurors will assemble in the jury assembly room of the federal building to allow physical distancing of more than six feet for all Jurors and participants. Hand sanitizer will be provided outside the jury assembly room. Sanitize your hands each time before entering the jury room.
 - b. The room will be cleaned and disinfected before and after each use.
 - c. Bathroom breaks will be staggered in order to ensure social distancing.
 - d. Jurors and court personnel will be wearing masks that covers your nose and mouth. You are encouraged to bring your mask. Otherwise, a mask will be provided to any juror who needs one.
4. You must NOT report for jury duty if you feel ill or are experiencing any flu-like symptoms, shortness of breath, have a fever, or are coughing or sneezing. Additionally, you must NOT report for jury duty if you have been asked to self-quarantine by any hospital or health agency, or if you have had close contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the past 14 days. Please contact the jury clerk at 1-800-865-1775(#3) immediately if you are unable to report for duty.

Failure to comply with a jury summons may subject you to a fine, a jail term of not more than three days, an order to perform community service, or any combination thereof.

ENTRY INTO THE FEDERAL BUILDING

You must show photo ID to the security officers as you enter. Weapons and sharp objects are not permitted. Cell phones and electronic devices are allowed in the jury assembly room.

Purses and other personal belongings must be screened through an x-ray machine. You may wish to bring one or more disposable plastic bags in which to place your personal items before you put them on the x-ray belt.

Please follow the instructions of Court personnel at all times for your own safety and the safety of others.

JUROR BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

General Instructions:

Please fill out the attached questionnaire when you receive it and return it no later than 10 days from receipt using the enclosed postage paid envelope. This questionnaire is designed to help simplify and expedite the jury selection process.

The purpose of these questions is to determine whether prospective jurors can impartially decide a case based upon the evidence presented at trial and the instructions on the law given by the presiding judge. You are sworn to give true and complete answers. Please answer the questions to the best of your ability.

Please keep in mind that there are no right or wrong answers, only complete and incomplete answers. Complete answers are far more helpful than incomplete answers. Unless the question states otherwise, the fact that a particular question is asked does not mean that the subject matter of the question is an issue in the case for which you are being considered. As you read the questions, you should not draw any inferences about the issues that will be decided. You are instructed not to discuss the questionnaire with anyone. The only exception is if you need help in filling out the questionnaire, as discussed in the next paragraph. You should not use the internet or do any research about matters covered in the questionnaire, and you should not speculate about what case it involves.

You must answer all the questions to the best of your ability. If you do not understand a question or do not know the answer, please write "I do not understand" or "I do not know" in the space provided for the answer. If you believe that any of the questions do not apply to you, please write "Not Applicable" or "N/A" in the space provided. Do not leave any question unanswered. It is important that the answers be your own individual answers. You may not get help from others unless you are incapable of writing your own answers. If that is the case, state the name, address and relationship to you of the person who helped you, and state why their help was needed. If you need more space for your responses or wish to make further comments regarding any of your answers, please continue your answer in the margin next to the question. Do not write on the back of any page.