

JURY SERVICE



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PURSUANT TO 7 GCA § 22102, IT IS THE POLICY OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM THAT ALL PERSONS SELECTED FOR JURY SERVICE BE SELECTED AT RANDOM FROM A FAIR CROSS SECTION OF THE POPULATION OF THE TERRITORY, AND THAT ALL QUALIFIED CITIZENS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS CHAPTER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR JURY SERVICE ON GRAND OR PETIT JURIES.

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Office of the JURY COMMISSIONER

HOW JURORS ARE SUMMONED

The Clerk of Court / Jury Commissioner will select at random from the qualified jury wheel a number of people who may be required to report to the court for grand or petit jury panel to be selected. The Clerk of Court / Jury Commissioner will issue Summonses through Mail or to the Marshal for service.

JURY ORIENTATION

Individuals who have been summoned for jury service are required to report to the Office of the Jury Commissioner on the date and time indicated in the summons.

At Orientation, the Jury Commissioner and / or Jury Clerk will advise the jurors on all administrative matters related to jury service.

TERM OF SERVICE

► PETIT JURY TERM

The term petit jury means jury service for a trial. Individuals who are selected for Petit jury service will serve an actual term of months, consisting of three-month active term and then a fifteen month term on-call.

- **Petit Jurors do not necessarily come in every day.**
- **Petit Jurors who are selected must report in on the days they are instructed to appear.**
- **A Petit Juror's normal service day begins at 8:00a.m. and ends around 5:00p.m.**
- **It is extremely rare for a Petit Juror to be kept away from his or her family overnight.**

► GRAND JURY TERM

The term grand jury refers to the jury that decides whether or not to bring felony charges against a defendant. Individuals who are selected for grand jury service will serve an actual term of eighteen months, a six-month active term and then a twelve month on-call term.

- **Grand Jurors are to report in for jury duty once a week.**
- **A Grand Juror's normal service day begins at 8:00a.m. and ends around 5:00p.m.**

WHAT IF A JUROR DOES NOT REPORT AS INSTRUCTED?

Every resident of Guam who is qualified to serve and does not get excused must appear for jury service when summoned. If a juror fails to attend after service of a summons, they will be ordered to appear and show cause for his failure to comply with the summons. Failure to appear to such order may result in a fine, imprisonment, or both.

If there is grave illness in your family, or a similarly serious problem that would constitute an undue hardship or extreme inconvenience for you to appear in Court for jury service, you must notify the Jury Commissioner.

Until you receive notice from the Jury Commissioner granting a temporary excuse, you must attend as directed by the Court.

EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITIES

It is unlawful for any employer to discharge, threaten to discharge, intimidate, or coerce an employee for attending scheduled jury service.

JURORS FEES

Jurors in the Superior Court of Guam shall receive the following fees, except as otherwise expressly provided by law: For actual attendance at the place of trial or hearing and for the time necessarily occupied in going to and from such place at the beginning and end of such service or at any time during the same, Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per day, except that any juror required to attend more than thirty (30) days in hearing one case may be paid in the discretion and upon the certification of the judge a per diem fee not exceeding Forty Dollars (\$40.00) for each day in excess of thirty (30) he is required to hear each case.

JURY CHECKS

Jury payroll is processed every two (2) weeks. It is therefore possible that a juror will be paid for more than one day of "SERVICE".

Service is defined as physically reporting to the court-house. Days spent on standby service do not count as payment days.

