

65 B District Court Jury Duty

If you are selected for jury service in the 65B District Court, your term of service will be for a period of up to three months. This length of term is necessary to allow for the scheduling of actual jury trial dates at the time of the jury selection hearings. Jury trials are normally scheduled for Wednesday, Thursday and/or Fridays beginning at 8:30 am or 1:00pm. Although rare, there are occasions when a trial will be set for a Monday or Tuesday.

If called for jury duty selection you are required to appear at 9am, on one day in the month prior to you appearing for the jury trial, if selected. The jury selection hearing process is normally completed no later than noon. Upon arrival please check in at the court counter. This will ensure you are in the proper court. You should also bring your personal calendar with you to make notes or advise the Court of any potential conflicts dates you may have during this term of service.

It is important to appear in Court for the jury selection date as failure to report on this date may result in a Contempt of Court.

After 5:00 pm on the day prior to your scheduled appearance, you should call 989-875-5397. This will be a recorded message which will advise you if your attendance is still required.

This system of jury selection has proven to be the most efficient for all involved; the jurors, the defendant, and the court. By the end of this selection hearing, you will know exactly when you are required to return as a juror for any trials scheduled during your term of service.

The cornerstone of our legal system is the right to trial by jury, and if we, as citizens, are to preserve that right, we have a duty to serve on a jury. Moreover, a person is entitled to an able and competent jury of their peers, not just a group of people who find it convenient to serve. A juror may be excused from serving on a particular day for a compelling reason by contacting the District Court, at 989-875-5240, and speaking with the Deputy Court Administrator, or the Judge's Executive Assistant.

We are confident that you will find serving on a jury and educational and enlightening experience.