

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ATTIRE

Jurors should dress in business casual. (No tank tops, shorts, hats, or caps.)

SECURITY

You will be required to go through a metal detector when entering the courthouse. All briefcases, purses and packages will be X-rayed by security. Cellular phones and pagers must be turned off while in the courtroom.

DISABILITIES

Access to jury service is available to all persons as required by the ADA Act of 1990. If you are a person with a disability and are in need of accommodations, please call (956) 318-2200 no later than 7 days prior to your appearance date.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

If your employer requires proof of attendance, you may obtain an excuse at the District Clerk's Office.

LENGTH OF SERVICE

Length of service is 1 week or until trial is concluded.

WHEN PAID

Jury checks will be processed 1 to 2 weeks after jury service has been completed.

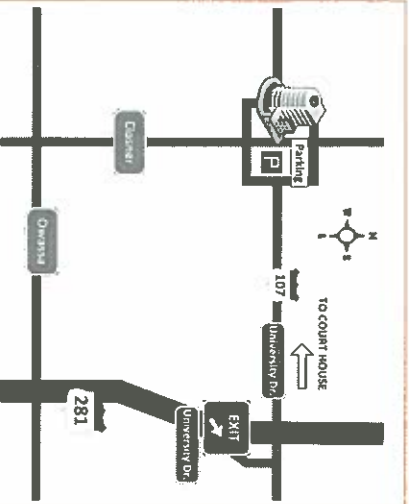
EXCUSES

Personal excuses such as illness or hardship may only be granted by a District Judge. These requests may be made at the time of reporting or by calling (956) 318-2200.

RIGHT TO REEMPLOYMENT

A private employer may not terminate the employment of a permanent employee because the employee serves as a juror. An employee whose employment is terminated is a violation of Civil Practice and Remedies Code, Section 122.001.

Trial by jury is a fundamental principle of our system of justice. Jury Service is therefore both an opportunity and an obligation of every United States citizen.



DIRECTIONS:

Business 281 to 100 N. Clossner
www.mapquest.com

LOCATION:

Courthouse
100 N. Clossner
Edinburg, Texas 78539

STATUTORY QUALIFICATIONS - SEC. 62.102 GOVERNMENT CODE

A person is disqualified to serve as a petit juror unless that person:

1. is at least 18 years of age.
2. is a citizen of this state and of the county in which he is to serve as a juror.
3. is qualified under the constitution and laws to vote in the county in which he is to serve as a juror.
4. is of sound mind and good moral character.
5. is able to read and write the English language.
6. has not served as a petit juror for six days during the preceding three months in the county court or during the preceding six months in district court.
7. has not been convicted of, or be under indictment or other legal accusation for, misdemeanor theft or a felony.

THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS ARE MANDATORY

STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS - SEC. 62.106 GOVERNMENT CODE

1. You are 70 years of age or over.
2. You have legal custody of a child or children younger than 15 years of age and your service on the jury requires leaving the child or children without adequate supervision.
3. You are a full-time student of a public or private secondary school.
4. You are a person enrolled and in actual attendance at an institution of higher education.
5. You are an officer or an employee of the senate, the house of representatives or any department, commission, board, office or other agency in the legislative branch of state government.
6. You are the primary caretaker of a person who is an invalid unable to care for himself.
7. You have served as a juror in the county during the 24-month period prior to the date you are required to appear for this summons.
8. You are not under indictment or other legal accusation for misdemeanor theft or felony.

YOU MAY CLAIM ANY OF THESE EXEMPTIONS TO WHICH YOU ARE ENTITLED BUT YOU DO NOT HAVE TO.

Non-profit Organizations Information (beneficiaries of juror's pay)

Hidalgo County Child Welfare Board - The mission of the HCCWB is to support victims of child abuse and neglect; ensure the needs of Hidalgo County children in foster care are met; and educate the local community regarding these issues; to help children in foster care lead the most normal lives possible under less than ideal circumstance; and to help reduce cases of child abuse and neglect in the future.

Compensation to Victims of Crime Fund - The Crime Victims' Compensation Program is administered by the Office of the Attorney General and is dedicated to ensuring that victims of violent crime are provided financial assistance for crime-related expenses that cannot be reimbursed by insurance or other sources.

Mujeres Unidas/Women Together - Victims of Domestic Violence - The Mission of Mujeres Unidas is to provide shelter and programs for women, men and children who are victims of domestic violence and sexual assault while enabling them to break the cycle of violence and live a life free from oppression.

Rainbow Room - The Rainbow Room is an emergency resource room stocked with items to assist Child Protective Services Caseworkers in helping families and children in crisis. When there is a child in need, the caseworker can access the Rainbow Room for emergency supplies such as food, diapers, baby formula, and clothes.

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF YOU WISH TO CLAIM AN EXEMPTION OR IF YOU ARE DISQUALIFIED TO SERVE AS A JUROR.

"I have read and understand the laws printed on this summons. I swear (affirm) that this information is true and correct and that I am eligible to claim the exemption or disqualification that I have marked below."

- I am over 70 years of age.
- I have legal custody of a child under 15 years of age. Service would leave the child without adequate supervision.
- I am a student enrolled and in attendance at a public, private secondary school or institution of higher education.
- I am the primary caregiver of a person who is an invalid. (employment as a caregiver does not qualify)
- I am disqualified because I have been convicted of a felony or theft offense.
- I am disqualified because I am not a United States Citizen.
- I am disqualified because I do not reside in Hidalgo County.
- I am a member of the United States Military Forces serving on active duty and deployed to a location away from my home station and out of my county of residence.
- I am not of sound mind or good character.
- I am not able to read and write the English Language.
- I have served as a petit juror for six days during the preceding three months in the county court or during the preceding six months in district court.
- I am an officer or an employee of the senate, the house of representatives or and department, commission, board, office or other agency in the legislative branch of the state government.

I certify under the penalty of perjury that the above statement is true and correct.

JUROR SIGNATURE _____

If claiming an exemption or disqualification, sign your name and return this summons with the completed jury questionnaire in the envelope provided.