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JURY SUMMONS

JUROR BADGE
HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS

NAME:

NUMBER:

BAR CODE:

WARNING

You must under penalty of law, answer this summons in person at the respective time and date. **THE LAW PROVIDES A FINE OF $100 TO $500 FOR BEING LATE OR FAILING TO APPEAR.** No person except a **District Judge** may excuse a juror from serving.

Any person who files a false claim exemption may be punished by a fine of not less than $100 nor more than $500.

TO CLAIM A LEGAL EXEMPTION BY MAIL SEE BACK OF THIS FORM.

GREETINGS: You are hereby summoned to appear at the Courthouse Auditorium, 100 N. Closner, 1st Floor, Edinburg, Texas, to serve as a Petit Juror in the District and County Courts of Hidalgo County. For further information call the District Clerk's Office at (956) 318-2200 ext 6277 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. ~~to~~ and 5:30 p.m. TUESDAY to FRIDAY.

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For helpful information on jury process, visit website at americanjuror.org

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YOUR APPEARANCE DATE IS:

MONTH	DAY	YEAR	TIME

BRING THIS TOP SUMMONS WITH YOU ON YOUR APPEARANCE DATE.

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THE FOLLOWING "JUROR QUESTIONNAIRE" IS MANDATED BY GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 62.0132.
Your answers are CONFIDENTIAL and may be disclosed only to the judge, court personnel, the litigant, and the litigant's attorney.

MARKING INSTRUMENTS

- Use
- Use a blue or black pen
- Fill out on hard surface
- Make heavy marks that fill the oval completely
- Erase any changes completely
- Make no stray marks

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EXAMPLE

NAME:

NUMBER:

BAR CODE:

within 5 days

JUROR QUESTIONNAIRE

COMPLETE THE JUROR QUESTIONNAIRE IMMEDIATELY AND RETURN IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE.

JUROR NAME (Last / First / Middle)

MAILING ADDRESS (If different from home)

CITY **STATE** **ZIP** –

DATE OF BIRTH – – **AGE**

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN HIDALGO COUNTY? Years – Months

Are you a U.S. Citizen?
⬭ Yes
⬭ No

Marital Status:
⬭ Married
⬭ Single
⬭ Divorced
⬭ Widowed

Religion:
⬭ Catholic ⬭ Methodist
⬭ Baptist ⬭ Presbyterian
⬭ Jewish ⬭ Muslim
⬭ Lutheran ⬭ Other

→ Jehovah Witness

Sex:
⬭ Male
⬭ Female

Race: (required by State Law)
⬭ Asian/Pacific Islander
⬭ Black/African American
⬭ Mexican American
⬭ Hispanic
⬭ White/Caucasian
⬭ Other

Highest Level of Education Completed?
⬭ Did not receive H. S. Diploma or GED
⬭ H. S. Diploma
⬭ GED
⬭ 2 year College
⬭ 4 year College/University
⬭ Post-graduate

HOME PHONE NUMBER – –

ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER – –

Your Occupation

Your Employer **How Long?**

should all be done in scantron format

Spouse's Name **No. of Children** **Ranges of Age** From ____ years to ____ years

*Constrained hand print field

Spouse's Occupation **Spouse's Employer** **How Long?**

Have you ever served on a:

Civil Jury?
⬭ Yes
⬭ No

Criminal Jury?
⬭ Yes
⬭ No

SECTION 61.003 (A) AND (B) GOVERNMENT CODE gives you the right to donate your jury compensation to **either** of the following non-profit organizations selected by the Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court. Your payment is calculated at the rate of $16.00 for the first day and $40.00 each day thereafter.

* Please see www.co.hidalgo.tx.us/districtclerk or back page for additional non-profit organization information.

⬭* I want to donate all or part of my jury compensation to the non-profit organization indicated: (Indicate the amount in whole dollars or write in ALL)

⬭ NO DONATION

⬭* Hidalgo County Child Welfare Board $

⬭* Rainbow Room $

⬭* Hidalgo County Victims of Domestic Violence $

⬭* Victims of Crime Fund (Austin) $

I certify that all answers are true and correct.

JUROR SIGNATURE **DATE**

Please see exemptions and disqualifications on the back of this form

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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.

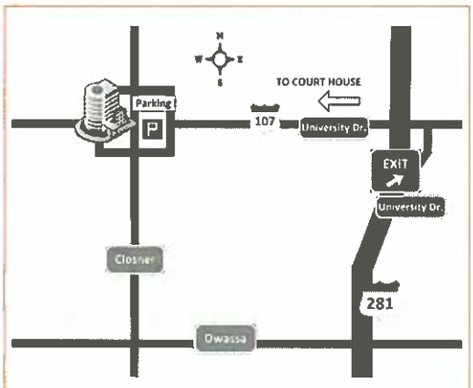
LENGTH OF SERVICE
Length of service is 1 week or until trial is concluded.

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.

LOCATION:
Courthouse
100 N. Closner
Edinburg, Texas 78539



DIRECTIONS:
Business 281 to 100 N. Closner
www.mapquest.com

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.

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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.

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.

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.

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