

Superior Court of California, County of Contra Costa**Jury Duty**

The American Jury: "We the People" in action!

"Trial by jury is one of the fundamental ideals of American democracy; serving as jurors reminds us that these ideals exist only as long as individual citizens are willing to uphold them."

*Hon. Tani Cantil-Sakauye
Chief Justice of California*

When you receive a summons to serve as a juror in the Superior Court, you are being asked to pay a crucial role in the administration of justice. The duties of a juror are as important as the duties of a judge. Jurors determine the credibility of witnesses and are the ultimate finders of the facts.

To qualify for jury duty, a person must:

- Be a citizen of the United States;
- Be at least 18 years of age;
- Reside/live in Contra Costa County;
- Never have been convicted of a felony or malfeasance in office, and whose civil rights have not been restored;
- Have sufficient knowledge of the English language;
- Not be serving as a grand or trial juror in any court of this state;
- Not be the subject of conservatorship.
(See *California Code of Civil Procedure, Section 203*)

The court gets names for its Jury Summons lists from the Department of Motor Vehicles records and the Registrar of Voters records.

Jurors get paid (after the first day of service) \$15.00 per day plus \$.34 per mile, one way.

One Day/One Trial: Under California law, once a juror has appeared or has served, the juror does not have to serve again for a period of 12 months.

For more information call the court's Jury Services at (925) 646-4099