

## COMMON JUROR QUESTIONS

### ***What if I am not a county resident?***

If you do not live in Leavenworth County, you are disqualified to serve as a juror. Some people live near county borders and will receive an incorrect juror summons. Please indicate this information on your juror Questionnaire and return it.

### ***What if I have a disability?***

Leavenworth District Court will accommodate anyone wishing to serve as a juror. Please indicate your needs on the back of the Questionnaire when returned. If you have a medical condition that may prevent your ability to serve as a juror, please indicate this on the back of the Questionnaire AND provide a written statement from a medical professional stating your inability to serve. For your convenience the District Court fax number is (913) 684-0492.

### ***What if I am in the military?***

Kansas Statute (K.S.A.) 43-158 and 43-159, do not automatically exclude military personnel, with the exception of members of the Kansas National Guard or Kansas State Militia on active duty (K.S.A. 48-211; 48-512).

### ***Are college/high school students required to serve?***

If you are a full time college/high school student, please indicate that on your juror Questionnaire. Each student requesting excused status will be reviewed on an individual basis.

### ***Can I obtain a jury service verification letter for my employer?***

Upon completion of your jury duty, the Clerk of the District Court will provide verification upon request.

### ***What about missing work?***

Jury service is the duty of all citizens, including employers and employees. Employers cannot discharge or threaten to discharge you for jury service.

### ***Are parents with children at home excused from jury duty?***

No, there is no automatic exclusion. You are responsible for arranging for your own childcare when you are called to serve. If the scheduling of your jury duty is the problem, you may postpone your jury duty **one time** by stating your request on your Questionnaire.

### ***May I reschedule my jury duty?***

Any citizen with an unavoidable conflict may request **one** postponement of their scheduled jury duty. Anyone seeking a postponement must submit a completed jury Questionnaire to the Jury Commissioner before the request is considered.

### ***May I be excused from jury duty?***

You must submit your request in writing on the Questionnaire. The jury commissioner will review your request and notify you in writing whether your request is granted or denied. The jury commissioner's decision is FINAL; no phone or personal appeals will be accepted or considered. If your request is denied, and you still desire to be excused, you must report in person to the District Court on the date of your scheduled jury duty.

### ***What happens if I decide to ignore a summons for jury duty?***

Jury duty is a legal obligation that is required of all Kansas residents (per K.S.A. 43-155) and is NOT OPTIONAL. The judge may hold you in contempt for failure to complete and return your jury Questionnaire and may impose a fine or other punishment (per K.S.A. 43-161). Unexcused failure to report shall result in fines up to \$100 a day for unexcused absence (per K.S.A. 43-165).

**IMPORTANT! Regardless of your personal situation, all juror Questionnaires must be returned for processing!**