



Thirteenth Judicial District Court

Valencia County Petit Jury Guide

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Valencia County Term-of-Service January 20, 2017 through March 24, 2017

Check one of the following every Friday anytime after 5:00 PM:

Jury Message Phone (505) 865-4639, ext.4

OR

[Check the Jury Website](#)

*****Always verify your attendance the night before you are scheduled to report*****

Here are 5 things you need to know for successful jury service:

1. Your juror number will be mailed to you before your term begins; report when your number is called
2. Fill out the Questionnaire & Qualification form (second page), **return it by January 4, 2017**; please keep the Summons (first page) and bring it with you to all appearances
3. Starting January 20, 2017, you must call the Jury Message Phone (505-865-4639, extension. 4) or check the [website](#) every Friday anytime after 5:00 pm for information regarding your juror number
4. You may [request to be excused for specific dates](#) before your number is called
5. You are responsible for reporting when your juror number is called!

Jury Handbooks are only available upon request

Helpful Information

How You Were Selected

Section 38-5-3 NMSA 1978 provides for the selection of potential jurors from a random list of **registered voters, licensed drivers and personal income tax filers.**

Who May Serve/Qualifications

To be qualified to serve as a juror in New Mexico you must meet the following conditions:

1. United States Citizen
2. 18 years or older
3. Not currently on felony probation or parole
4. Must be a resident of the county (Valencia) where you are called to jury service

****If you do not meet these qualifications you must contact the jury clerk immediately.**

Jurors and Employers

The court will provide a certificate of attendance upon request to jurors or their employers. Per NMSA 38-5-18 and 38-5-19 Employers who deprive their employees of employment or threaten or coerce them with respect to jury service are guilty of a petty misdemeanor and are subject to prosecution.

Emergency or Illness

If illness or other emergency requires that you be delayed or absent please call or email the jury clerk as soon as possible.

Unavailability for Specific Dates

Please notify the court if you are unavailable for specific dates during your term. Some examples are: **doctor's appointment, medical appointment, work-related travel or training, vacations, school functions, field trips or any other planned absence.** Your request may be denied if you until your juror number is called for service. Call (505) 865-4639 or email lludjuror@nmcourts.gov with your requests.

Failure to Appear

Willful failure to appear as a juror is a criminal offense. Consequences range from a phone call or letter from the jury clerk to a Contempt Order to appear before a judge in certain cases. A juror may be sentenced to a Detention Center for up to thirty (30) days for failure to comply with the court's order.

Compensation

Jurors may be receive round-trip mileage from their home to the court at \$0.29/ mile, they may also receive \$6.25/hour of service unless they are government employees, ask for more information.

Only jurors who receive more than \$600.00 for jury service will receive a W-2 or 1099 at the end of the year. It may take up to six (6) weeks to receive your check. Notify the court if payment has not been received after six (6) weeks.

Meals (Final Deliberation)

The court only provides meals during final deliberations. Court Security may allow jurors to bring in meals, bottled water and other drinks following their protocols.

Juror Identification

Jurors are given a badge when selected for a jury trial and should remove them when they leave the courthouse.

Electronic Devices and Prohibited Items

Court Security prohibits cell phones, lighters, weapons of any type and any other item not allowed by their protocol. Attorneys, court officers and occasionally the news media may bring in certain electronic devices at the discretion of the judge or for use in conducting business before the court.

The 13th District Court will never call and ask for payment of any fines by phone using a credit card. New Mexico law enforcement does not collect fines on behalf of the courts. If you have had a similar call, please call your county courthouse at the numbers above, and, notify your local sheriff's department and the New Mexico Attorney General at (505) 222-9000.