

## You've been summoned for jury service. Now what?

- The first step in your jury service is to complete the Jury Information Form through eJuror (www.flmd.uscourts.gov/ejuror) or mail the paper Jury Information Form on the lower half of your summons.
- You have been summoned for jury service, but you do not currently have a reporting date. Instead, you are "on call" for the jury trial term listed on your summons. So, before coming to the courthouse, it is important that you confirm that your attendance is required by checking eJuror or calling (866) 313-2350 for reporting instructions as directed on your summons.
- If you are scheduled to report to the courthouse, the reporting instructions on eJuror and the jury phone line will state a time and date to appear. If you are not scheduled to report, the reporting instructions will state your next call-in date. When checking for reporting instructions, you will need your Participant Number from the summons. The court will also send reminder messages by phone, text, and/or email about your reporting date, but please do not rely solely on this communication.

# What to expect on your first day of jury service.

- You may bring a cell phone inside the courthouse, but you will be required to store it in a locker. You will not be permitted to bring your phone into a courtroom. Cameras, laptops, iPads, smart watches, and other electronic devices are not allowed in the courthouse.
- Bring your license or other photo ID with you. You must show a valid photo ID at the security entrance.
- After going through security, you will be directed to the jury assembly room where you will be greeted by a staffer, fill out forms, watch an orientation video, and take an oath.
- From the jury assembly room, you will be directed to a courtroom for jury selection. Depending on the case, jury selection can last anywhere from one hour to the whole day. At the end of jury selection, you will find out whether you have been selected to serve on the jury.

## Other Important Information

- Lost summons. Call the Jury Department if you lose your summons.
- Attire. Jurors are expected to dress in a manner reflective of the formality of court proceedings. Because the courthouse can be cold, you may want to bring a blazer, cardigan, or other appropriate outer layer.
- Compensation. Summoned jurors are generally paid an attendance fee of \$50/day and round-trip mileage at the current government rate. Jurors are also reimbursed for tolls.
- Overnight stays. Jurors who live 60 miles or more from the courthouse may be reimbursed for lodging in a hotel near the courthouse. Call the Jury Department for more information.
- **Food.** The courthouse does not have a cafeteria. A snack machine, water dispenser, refrigerator, and microwave are available for jurors to use. Several restaurants are within walking distance of the courthouse.
- Employment protection. Under federal law, an employer must allow time off for jury service. An employee cannot be punished for serving as a juror. But an employer has discretion to determine whether absence for jury service is with or without pay.
- Penalties. Failure to appear for jury service as directed may result in a \$1,000 fine, up to three days in jail, and community service.

### Need to request an excuse or postponement?

For information about requesting an excuse or a postponement of your jury service, see the instructions and form on the back of your summons.

## Americans with Disabilities Act Notice

If you have a disability and need special accommodations to serve, contact the Jury Department at (239) 461-2010.



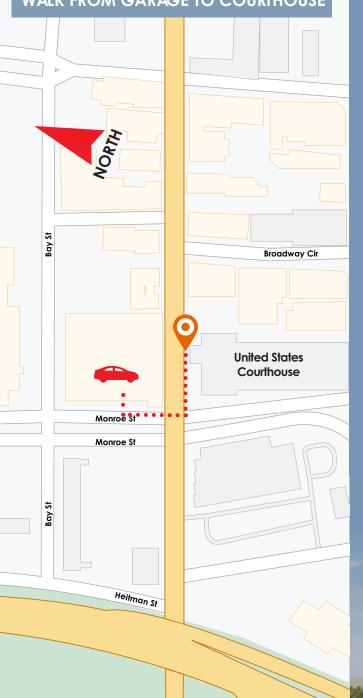
## PARKING INFORMATION

- Park in the City of Palms Parking Garage located at 2118 Bay Street.
- Bring your parking ticket with you to the court-house. Jury staff will validate your parking.
- For disabled parking information, call the Jury Department at (239) 461-2010.

#### DIRECTIONS TO THE PARKING GARAGE

- The City of Palms Parking Garage is on the corner of First St. and Monroe St., across the street from the courthouse.
- From I-75, take exit 141 West (Palm Beach Blvd.) to downtown Fort Myers. Palm Beach Blvd. will turn into First St. The Courthouse is on the corner of First St. and Monroe St.
- You can also take exit 138 West (Martin Luther King). After you exit, turn right on Monroe St.

## WALK FROM GARAGE TO COURTHOUSE



United States District Court Middle District of Florida Fort Myers Division

### **Information for Jurors**

Questions?
Contact the Jury Department at (239)461-2010
Ftm\_Jury@flmd.uscourts.gov

Or visit the Court's website at www.flmd.uscourts.gov/jurors

## WHERE TO REPORT FOR JURY DUTY

United States Courthouse & Federal Building 2110 First Street Fort Myers, Florida 33901