

FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT

THE PROGRAM!

YOUR FIRST DAY will start at 10:20 and will probably be finished by 3:30 unless you are on a jury trial, which could last until around 5:00 to 5:30.

STARTING THE SECOND DAY OF SERVICE, jurors (who are not on cases) may report in anytime between 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

BENEFITS: You can spend a few hours at work, or just sleep in later, and parking will be easier to find.

You will be able to watch non-jury courtrooms in the mornings.

BENEFITS: You will become familiar with your elected officials, and you can see how an actual courtroom works. Your lunch will start at 12:00 noon and will end at 1:30 p.m. at which time you should be back in the jury assembly room.

Afternoon session starts at 1:30 p.m. You will be on a jury or on your way home by approximately 3:30 p.m. Some afternoons will be spent in courtrooms with our judges for question and answer sessions.

JURY TRIALS START WHEN ALL OTHER OPTIONS ARE EXHAUSTED

How and when do you become involved?

IN THE VOIR DIRE EXAM

The voir dire exam is a question and answer period involving the jury, the judge, prosecutor and defense attorney. It is designed to impanel a fair and impartial jury, which is based in the constitutional right. It is not meant to offend or embarrass anyone involved, and should not be taken that way. The voir dire exam usually takes 1 to 2 hours to complete and will be explained in detail by the trial judge. Before that process starts, the judge normally informs the jury as to the length of the trial and the time frame during the day, so jurors will be aware of the commitment. You will have access to a phone in the event you need to make arrangements.

If you are impaneled on the case, the judge will tell you what time your case will reconvene the following day. You will be asked to return at that time. **You will have to be in the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM approximately 15 minutes before your case is to start so you can be given credit for attendance by the jury office.**

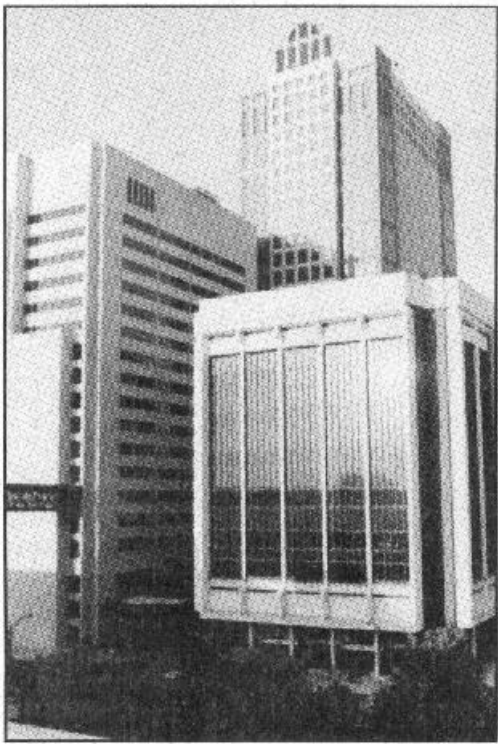
YOUR TIME WITH THE COURT:

What will you be doing when you are not on a jury?

Your time is as valuable to us as it is to you, and we do not intend to waste it! You will be asked to be here only when you are needed, and you will be released as soon as possible. This is a very busy court! The jury office contends with approximately 25,000 jury demands each year. There are between 80 and 120 possibilities of jury trials each day, which is why you are here.

You will have access to Wi-Fi, computers and a fax machine while you are waiting. You will be treated to current movies and visits by many of our judges, as well as speakers from the Franklin County Auditor's and Treasurer's offices. You will be able to take a tour of the County Jail and the Statehouse. On occasion, you will be escorted to courtrooms in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas (where felony cases are tried) for question and answer sessions with some of the judges with the Common Pleas and Appeals courts.

When the courtrooms have completed their caseloads, we will release you for the day. We will try to make sure you can be back at work on Fridays to help you stay ahead of your own work.



*The quality of justice in
any trial court is relative to
the quality of the jury pool.*

Judge David Tyack 12-A
Judge Ted Barrows 12-B
Judge Paul Herbert 12-C
Judge Scott VanDerKarr 12-D

Judge Carrie Glaeden 13-A
Judge Michael Brandt 13-B
Judge Mark Hummer 13-C
Judge Amy Salerno 13-D

Judge Bill Pollitt 14-A
Judge Anne Taylor 14-B
Judge James O'Grady 14-C
Judge Andrea Peeples 14-D

Judge Daniel Hawkins 15-B
Judge Sean McCarthy 15-C
Judge James Green 15-D

Court Administrator
Emily Shaw

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JURY SERVICE WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT



Tom Shields
Jury Commissioner

Lori Shannon
Deputy Commissioner

A BETTER PROGRAM