

FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT

THE PROGRAM!

Jury Service

Most jurors are concerned about the time commitment associated with jury service. Your time is as valuable to the Court as it is to you. Jurors are asked to be on-site only when needed and are released as early as possible.

On your first day, you should report to the Jury Assembly Room on the 9th Floor any time between 8:00 and 10:15 a.m. Orientation will begin at 10:20 a.m. **After the first day, and as long as you are not serving on a jury, you can report to the Jury Assembly Room any time between 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**

You may take a **lunch break** any time between 12:00 and 1:30 p.m. A convenience store and eating area are located next to the Jury Assembly Room, and there are several restaurants within walking distance.

On most days, you will be released around 3:30 p.m. If you are on a jury, you may be required to stay later, but most Judges try not to keep a jury past 5:30 p.m.

Compensation: You will receive \$15 for each day that you report for jury service. Approximately 10 business days after the end of your jury service, a check will be issued and mailed to the residential address you provide.

JURY TRIALS START WHEN ALL OTHER OPTIONS ARE EXHAUSTED

How and when do you become involved?

Jury Selection

The Court receives approximately 18,000 jury demands each year – resulting in **80-120 potential jury trials per day!** However, the majority of those cases will be resolved through other means.

Voir dire is the formal name for jury selection – the process by which the judge and attorneys question potential jurors in order to select a fair and impartial jury. The Judge normally begins voir dire with a brief introduction to the case and will try to outline the time frame for the trial. The Judge and attorneys for both parties will ask the potential jurors to answer questions. Although some of the questions may seem personal, nobody is trying to embarrass or offend any of the potential jurors.

During the selection process, jurors will be dismissed from the case. This may happen for several legal reasons, but the attorneys will each have several, additional opportunities to dismiss jurors for any reason at all.

If you are selected to serve on the jury, the Judge will tell you when to report the following day. **Even when you are on a jury, you must scan your juror barcode in the Jury Assembly Room at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the trial proceedings.**

YOUR TIME WITH THE COURT

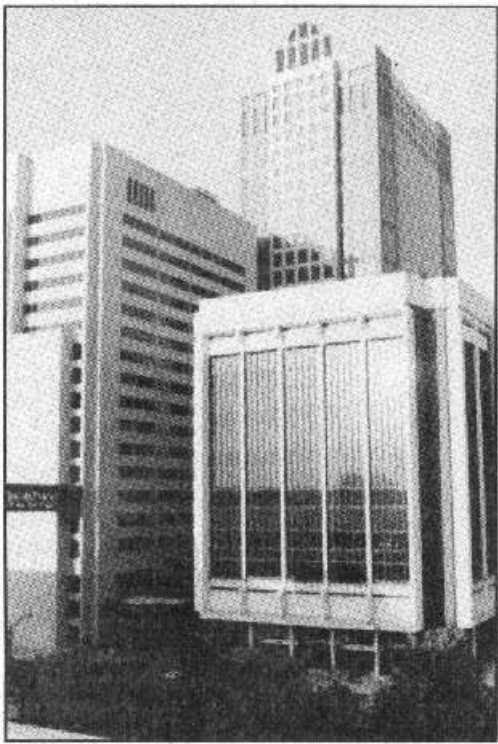
What will you be doing when you are not on a jury?

Programming To Suit Your Needs

If you are not participating in the jury selection process or serving on a jury, you may participate in any of the activities scheduled by the Jury Commissioner. The schedule of speakers will be distributed on the first day of jury service. Municipal Court Judges and Magistrates and the Municipal Clerk of Court may visit the Jury Assembly Room for question-and-answer sessions. Other Franklin County elected officials, such as the Auditor, Recorder, Treasurer, and Common Pleas Court Judges may also provide information and answer questions about their offices.

If you are not serving on a jury, you will also have the option to observe various courtroom proceedings in the mornings, including arraignments, evictions, or individual judge's dockets. If you choose to wait in the Jury Assembly Room, you may view current movies or concert videos. **The Jury Assembly Room has a fax machine, and you will also have access to the internet through Wi-Fi or Court-owned computers.**

<http://www.fcmcclerk.com/dept/court/jury.php>



*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 Cindi Morehart 12-D

Judge Cynthia L. Ebner 13-A
Judge Jarrod Skinner 13-B
Judge Jodi Thomas 13-C
Judge Jessica D'Varga 13-D

Judge H. William Pollitt, Jr. 14-A
Judge Mark Hummer 14-B
Judge James O'Grady 14-C
Judge Andrea Peoples 14-D

Judge Stephanie Mingo 15-B
Judge Eileen Paley 15-C
Judge James Green 15-D

Court Administrator
Emily Shaw

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WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT



Tom Shields
Jury Commissioner

Robert Condon
Deputy Commissioner

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