

JURY DUTY

DECLARATION OF POLICY

42 Pa.C.S. § 4501

It is the policy of this Commonwealth that:

- (1) All persons entitled to a jury trial in a civil action or criminal proceeding shall have the right to jurors selected at random from a representative cross section of the eligible population of the county.
- (2) All qualified citizens shall have the opportunity to be considered for service as jurors in the courts of this Commonwealth and shall have an obligation to serve as jurors when summoned for that purpose.
- (3) A citizen shall not be excluded from service as a juror on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin or economic status

*If you believe that you are **disqualified** or **exempted** from jury service, complete the reverse side and return this form along with your completed Juror Questionnaire.*

QUALIFICATIONS OF JURORS

42 Pa.C.S. § 4502(a)

Every citizen of this Commonwealth who is [18 years of age] and who resides in the county shall be qualified to serve as a juror therein unless such citizen:

- (1) is unable to read, write, speak and understand the English language;
- (2) is incapable, by reason of mental or physical infirmity, to render efficient jury service; or
- (3) has been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for more than one year and has not been granted a pardon or amnesty therefor.

EXEMPTIONS FROM JURY DUTY

42 Pa.C.S. § 4503(a)

No person shall be exempt or excused from jury duty except the following:

- (1) Persons in active service of the armed forces of the United States or of ... Pennsylvania.
- (2) Persons who have served within three years next preceding on any jury except a person who served as a juror for fewer than 3 days in any one year in which case the exemption period shall be one year.
- (3) Persons demonstrating to the court undue hardship or extreme inconvenience may be excused permanently or for such period as the court determines is necessary, and if excused for a limited period shall, at the end of the period, be assigned to the next jury array.
- (4) Spouses, children, siblings, parents, grandparents and grandchildren of victims of criminal homicide.
- (5) Persons who have previously served for a term of 18 months on a Statewide investigating grand jury, including any extensions thereof, who opt not to serve.
- (6) Persons 75 years of age or older who request to be excused.
- (7) Judges and magisterial district judges of the Commonwealth and judges of the [U.S.A.]
- (8) Breastfeeding women who request to be excused.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Your answers will be kept in strict confidence.

NAME: _____ PHONE #: (_____) _____

EMAIL : _____

Please note that jury service is **required** unless you are informed that the Court has excused you.

I believe that I am **not qualified** to serve on a jury because:

I am not a resident of Crawford County; I now reside at the following address:

I am unable to read, write, speak and understand the English language.

I have a mental or physical condition that affects my ability to serve as a juror.

Explain: _____

I have been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for more than one year and have not been granted a pardon or amnesty therefor.

Explain: _____

- OR -

I believe that I am **exempted** from jury duty:

(see the 8 grounds for exemption on the front side of this form, and please explain fully)

Explain: _____

Return this form (if applicable) with your completed Juror Questionnaire.