

LENGTH OF SERVICE

- You are “**on-call**” for **one month** beginning on the date that appears on the front of your summons.
- You are **ONLY** required to travel to the courthouse when specifically instructed via the recorded message.
- It is unlikely that you will be sequestered (kept overnight) during your service.
- If you provided the Court with a telephone number or email address, *you will receive an automated reminder message for reporting instructions from our Tampa server/caller ID.*

CHECKING STATUS/CONFIRMING REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS

- Check your status (excused or postponed) online by clicking **CHECK YOUR STATUS** or by calling the jury hotline at 1-866-313-2350.
- You must have your 9-digit participant number available in order to check your status. This number appears next to your name on the front of your summons. If you lose your summons, please call the Court. **If you report erroneously, you are NOT entitled to any compensation.**

PENALTIES

Any person summoned for jury service who fails to appear as directed shall be ordered by the District Court to appear forthwith and show cause for his failure to comply with the summons. Any person who fails to show good cause of noncompliance with a summons may be fined not more than \$1000, or imprisoned not more than three days or ordered to perform community service or any combination thereof.

****GO PAPERLESS WITH eJUROR****

To use eJuror, visit www.flmd.uscourts.gov/eJuror
You will need your participant number and birth date to use the eJuror system.

USING eJUROR, you can:

- Update name/address
- Submit your jury information form
- Request to be Deferred/Excused

REQUESTING AN EXCUSE OR POSTPONEMENT

If you request to excuse or postpone your jury service, you must place your request in writing at least **seven (7) days prior to the summons date**. You must include your completed Jury Information Form when submitting a request.

All requests must be made through one of the following methods:

1. **U.S. Mail**
2. **Online:** www.flmd.uscourts.gov/eJuror
3. **Fax:** (239)461-2012
4. **Email:** FTM_Jury@flmd.uscourts.gov

Use only ONE method to submit your request

- **DO NOT wait until your first day of jury service to request an excuse.** If you do and are excused, the Court will not pay you or give you credit for that day’s attendance.
- All letters must be written by you, the prospective juror, and **may not** come from your employer.
- It is the juror’s responsibility to verify that a request has been granted or denied.
- If you are 70 years of age or older and do not wish to serve, send us that information in writing and you will be excused from jury service.

- To check the status of a pending request (please allow **6-8 business days** after submitting your request), call the automated jury information system at 1-866-313-2350 or go online under “Check Your Status”(you must have your 9 digit participant number in order to use this system.)

EMPLOYMENT PROTECTION

- Federal jurors are protected against discharge or coercion by employers as a result of being called for jury service. Check with your employer to see if they have a jury policy and whether they pay their employees’ wages or salaries while serving. Letters from employers are **NOT** considered.

COMPENSATION

- If you are instructed to report for jury service, you are entitled to a \$50 attendance fee and the current round-trip mileage rate. Federal employees (except postal employees) are NOT paid the attendance fee, but are reimbursed for other expenses.
- For jurors whose residence is 60 miles (one way) from the courthouse: In addition to regular jury compensation, if you choose to stay at a hotel the night before jury selection, a per diem allowance will be paid to you. Contact the Court for the current per diem allowance and list of hotels.

AMENITIES

- There is no food service in the building. However soda & snack machines are located on the first floor. For those wishing to go to lunch there are many local restaurants within walking distance of the courthouse.

DRESS CODE

- You are expected to conduct yourself with reserve and courtesy, and when appearing at the courthouse, you **must** dress appropriately to preserve the dignity of the Court. Business attire, such as suits and dresses, is not required; however, **more informal attire, such as beach wear or shorts, should not be worn.**

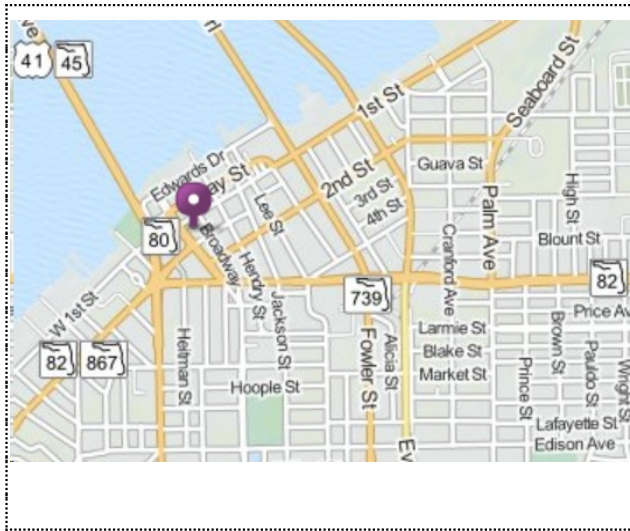
QUESTIONS

Frequently Asked Questions are located on the Court's website.

CHECKLIST

- ✓ Electronic devices including cellular phones, laptop computers, iPad/tablets, sound/recording equipment, and photographic/broadcasting equipment **are prohibited**. Wearable technology such as smart glasses, watches or bracelets with internet, cellular or Bluetooth capability are **also prohibited**. **You will not be permitted to bring them into the building.**
- ✓ All individuals entering the building are required to proceed through a security checkpoint and have any bags, packages, purses, etc. examined through an x-ray machine.
- ✓ A **valid photo ID** must be shown when entering the courthouse.

THANK YOU for your participation in the Judicial process of this court.



DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO PUBLIC PARKING IN FRONT OF COURTHOUSE:

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

The Federal Courthouse is located at the corner of First Street and Monroe Street.

From I-75, take Exit 141 West (Palm Beach Blvd.) To downtown Ft. Myers; Palm Beach Blvd. turns into First St. The courthouse is located at the corner of Monroe Street and First Street.

From I-75, take Exit 138 West (Martin Luther King) to Monroe Street. Turn right on Monroe Street. The courthouse is located at the corner of Monroe Street and First Street.

Parking is available at the **City of Palms Parking Garage** located at 2118 Bay Street. Your ticket will be validated by the Jury Clerk. The garage is across the street from the courthouse. The garage opens by 6:00 a.m.

DISABLED PARKING

Disabled jurors may check the Court's website (www.flmd.uscourts.gov) or contact the Jury Staff for additional information on disabled parking in Ft. Myers.

United States District Court

United States Courthouse and Federal Building
2110 First Street
Ft. Myers, Florida 33901
239-461-2010

www.flmd.uscourts.gov/jury



Welcome to Federal Jury Service.

The Ft. Myers Division has jurisdiction over the counties of **Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry and Lee**. Your previously completed and returned juror qualification questionnaire qualified you to serve as a juror in this federal court. Your jury service **cannot** be transferred to a superior or county court.

This is **NOT** Lee County Jury Service.

U.S. DISTRICT COURT JURORS ARE "ON-CALL" for ONE MONTH