

**The Court of Common Pleas**  
Darke County, Ohio

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Dear Prospective Juror:

Your name has been drawn by the Jury Commissioners of Darke County to serve on the panels for either Grand Jury or Petit (trial) Jury for the months of May through August, 2018 for the Common Pleas Court and the Darke County Municipal Court. As a juror, you will be serving one of the most important roles for citizens in the justice system.

If you are called as a potential Petit Juror, selection of the jury panel usually takes half of the first day; if selected as a trial juror, you will continue serving for the remaining days of the trial – usually two or three total days. If you are called as a Grand Juror, you will serve one day per month and be asked to determine whether criminal charges should be filed.

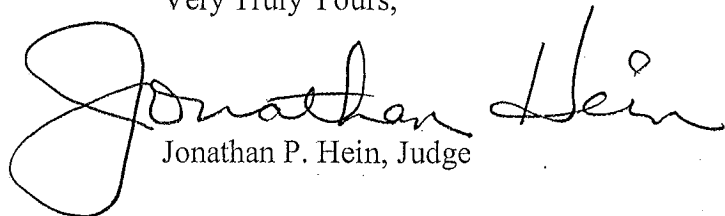
Please complete and return the enclosed questionnaire which will be used to assist the attorneys and judges when impaneling juries. This information will be kept confidential and will not be retained after this jury session ends. Return your questionnaire within seven days.

While every registered voter is subject to serve as a juror when called, the Ohio Revised Code permits individuals to request exemption from jury service under limited circumstances, including: (1) the juror being absent from the county and not returning in time to serve; (2) the juror being physically unable to serve; (3) the juror's spouse or a close relative of the juror has recently died or is seriously ill; and (4) the juror has been called as a juror for trial in a court of record in the county within the same jury year. Requesting an exemption for these reasons is not mandatory. If any of these circumstances apply, you will not be automatically excused but you may explain your circumstances on the questionnaire when you return it to the Court.

If you receive a notice to report for Petit jury duty, you may then call the Court to discuss your circumstances. The decision to exempt a potential juror is made on a case-by-case basis depending on the nature of the hardship.

Thank you for your cooperation regarding jury service. Direct citizen involvement is essential for the administration of justice and for good governance.

Very Truly Yours,



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