

## **Important Information Regarding Jury Service at the Grand Isle Superior Court Criminal and Civil Divisions**

### **Juror Reporting Instructions**

Call the juror phone at 802-372-3524 after 5:00pm the night before you are scheduled for jury service for reporting instructions.

### **Directions**

We are located at the Grand Isle Courthouse, 3677 US Route 2, PO Box 7, North Hero VT. 05474.

Follow Route 2 to 3677 US Rte. 2 North Hero. A map may be found at [www.vermontjudiciary.org](http://www.vermontjudiciary.org) Click on Travel Directions in the blue box and follow prompts to Grand Isle Criminal Court.

Each time you report, please use the side entrance. If the door is locked, use the call button located beside the door. After entering the building a Court Officer will immediately direct you to the jury room.

Please sign the sign-in sheet each time you report for jury duty.

The jury waits in the jury room until the court is ready to proceed with jury drawings.

### **Time Commitment Expectations**

Your jury term will consist of 2 jury draw days. For each draw day the court sets aside 3-4 trial days to fill. Most trials last one day. It is unlikely you will be picked for every trial. You will receive notice of the remaining jury drawing date at orientation.

After initial orientation, jury draws will begin. Plan to stay at court until at least 4:30pm.

### **What To Expect at a Jury Draw**

Court staff will greet you and present a general orientation, answer your questions and discuss your concerns. The judge will then discuss our system of justice and answer your questions. The rest of the day will be spent drawing juries from your panel for specific trials. Plan to stay at court until at least 4:30pm.

### **Emergencies/Reporting Absences/Excuses**

If you have an emergency which affects your jury service, please call 802-372-8350 and speak with a court staff person.

Medical excuses are given first priority. A note from your physician must accompany all medical requests. The court always works with you to plan around scheduled appointments, vacations, or business hardship. We try to minimize the disruption that jury service might cause you.

### **Lunch**

Lunch is normally one hour. You may choose to go out or you may bring your lunch and eat in the jury room.

### **Miscellaneous**

Please note that anyone entering the building may be screened by a court security officer. You may not bring weapons into the courthouse.

Due to the nature of jury service and the court process itself, there are often periods of waiting. You may bring reading material to pass the time. There are brief recesses throughout the day. No childcare is available.

Smokers will be directed to a designated area outside the building.

### **Other Concerns**

If you have any special needs please bring them to the court clerk's attention. All electronic devices, including cell phones, must be turned off while court is in session.

Hearing assistance devices can be made available.