

SELECTION OF THE JURY PANEL

The jury is one of the most important parts of our American legal system. The right to a trial by jury is written in the United States and Vermont Constitutions. It is a fundamental right guaranteed to every citizen.

In order for everyone to have the right to a trial by jury, it follows that citizens must be willing to accept the responsibility of jury service. Our system of justice depends on the willingness of private citizens to serve on juries and to make important decisions in the trial of cases. While being a juror is considered a duty of citizenship, it is really a service you are being asked to perform for your fellow citizens. It is your opportunity to participate directly in our legal system and to have an essential voice in the administration of justice.