



## EDMONDS MUNICIPAL COURT

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LINDA W.Y. COBURN  
JUDGE

JOAN FEREBEE  
COURT ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Snohomish County Resident:

Your name has been drawn from a list of licensed drivers and registered voters residing in Snohomish County as a prospective juror for 2016. Please fill out the enclosed questionnaire and return it as soon as possible in the stamped, addressed envelope. Each month a pool of jurors will be randomly drawn from the prospective juror list to serve an upcoming jury term. If you are selected you will be sent a summons.

Your participation as a juror is a legal obligation. A judge cannot create his or her own pool by selectively excusing various jurors. There are, however, exceptional circumstances that may excuse your participation.

**By law, excusal from jury service shall be limited and shall be allowed only upon showing of *undue* hardship, *extreme* inconvenience, public necessity, or any other reason deemed sufficient by the court for a period of time the court deems necessary. RCW 2.36.100. By law, an employer shall provide an employee with sufficient leave of absence from work to serve as a juror when summoned. RCW 2.36.165.**

If you feel that you have an exceptional circumstance then please explain, in writing, that circumstance on the back of the enclosed questionnaire.

If you are summoned for jury duty, the term of service will be for 9 days. However, jury trials in Edmonds Municipal Court normally involve no more than one day. Thus, the actual estimated length anticipated service would be addressed on the first day of jury selection. Every effort will be made to minimize the inconvenience to your work and personal schedules. In that regard, please call the court at (425) 771-0210 after 5:00 p.m. on the day before you are scheduled to appear, to confirm that your presence will be necessary.

The jury trial system is rare throughout the world. It is a privilege guaranteed by our Constitution and it is a fundamental part of our judicial system. Your willing participation is necessary for this system to function. We are fortunate in Edmonds to have citizens who accept their civic duties with pride. We hope that serving as a juror will be a positive experience for you. The Court Administrator, Joan Ferebee, can be reached by phone (425-771-0211) or email ([joan.ferebee@edmondswa.gov](mailto:joan.ferebee@edmondswa.gov)). Please feel free to contact her if you have any questions about this notice or any other aspects of the Edmonds Municipal Court.

Sincerely,

Judge Linda W.Y. Coburn  
Edmonds Municipal Court