

Grand Jury

This brochure is designed to give you necessary information about Grand Jury service.

If you are selected as a Grand Juror, your service will look different from if you were selected to serve on a criminal or civil trial.

By serving as a grand juror, you will be put to work on behalf of your community using your experience as a citizen and your sense of fairness. Our system of justice depends on the efforts of people like you.

Term of Service

Term of service is the amount of time a grand juror is required to service. Grand jurors in Oregon may serve for different lengths of time. To find out the exact term in your area, contact your local court or district attorney's office.

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Thank you for serving Oregon.



What is a Grand Jury?

Grand juries convene at the direction of a prosecuting attorney from the District Attorney's Office. A grand jury hear and considers evidence presented in a closed and private setting.

Grand Juries determine if there is enough evidence or probable cause to charge, or indict, a person or entity of criminal conduct.

Grand juries are meant to protect innocent persons from wrongful accusations and make sure, on behalf of the accused person, that evidence against them is presented fully and considered fairly.

Grand juries are not responsible for determining guilt or innocence.

If you are selected, the prosecuting attorney's office will provide you with all of the necessary information regarding your service.



What to Expect

- The prosecutor will explain the charge(s)
- Witnesses may testify
- Jurors may ask questions
- Grand Juries are not open to the public or media
- Jurors cannot discuss the case(s), testimony, evidence with anyone
- Jurors cannot post or discuss anything related to the cases or the people involved on social media or do any personal research
- After hearing the charge(s), the jury discusses and takes a vote



Qualifications

To serve on a grand jury, you must be a U.S. citizen and be 18 years of age or older.

You must live in the county in which you were called to serve and you cannot have completed jury service in the past 24 months.

How You Were Chosen

Your name was randomly selected from a list of residents of your county who are registered to vote and/or hold an Oregon driver's license or a state identification card.

Compensation

Jurors are paid \$10 per day for the 1st and 2nd days of jury duty and \$25 per day for the 3rd and any following days. Jurors are also reimbursed for daily round-trip mileage from home to the courthouse at \$.20 per mile or daily adult fare for public transportation.

Speak to your employer about their policies related to jury pay. Your employment is protected by law while serving as a Grand Juror.