

Superior Court, Griffin Judicial Circuit

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***The right to trial by jury is more important to the preservation of this
government than is the right to vote.***

~Thomas Jefferson~

Dear Potential Jurors:

The above sentiment was shared by many of our Founding Fathers who risked life and liberty securing our rights to jury trials and Grand Jury indictment. Patriots' blood has been shed procuring these rights which survive only with the sacrifice of citizens willing to serve. Jury service is a patriotic duty.

We are mindful, however, of the COVID-19 pandemic which has frozen jury proceedings for over 6 months. We must get back to work, but we will do so taking every reasonable precaution to protect your safety. Everyone entering the courthouse will be screened for COVID-19 exposure and required to wear a mask. Social distancing of six feet or more is required. Hand sanitizer stations are maintained throughout the courthouse. Courtrooms and jury rooms will be sanitized on a regular basis. Extra accommodations, such as increased social distancing, will be offered to those at high risk. Instead of in the Grand Jury room, you will meet in either a larger jury assembly room or a larger trial courtroom where there is plenty of room for increased social distancing.

Accompanying your summons is a list of legal reasons for excusal. In addition to those, we will consider excusal or accommodations for anyone with medical conditions or factors that make them "vulnerable persons". (See Questionnaire).

As soon as possible please fill out the enclosed questionnaire and return it per its instructions. We will use this information to contact and notify you of your report time and date. This will help keep attendance staggered and will enhance social distancing for your safety.

Please also note that you are required to call the number listed on the questionnaire within forty-eight hours in advance of your appearance date to confirm when and if you should appear and to confirm that you are not experiencing any symptoms of and have no known exposure to COVID-19.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and service.



CHIEF JUDGE CHRISTOPHER C. EDWARDS



JUDGE W. FLETCHER SAMS



JUDGE SCOTT L. BALLARD



JUDGE BENJAMIN D. COKER



JUDGE BEN J. MILLER, JR.