

Can I be excused from jury duty?

We encourage all eligible Jurors to serve in the important role as a Juror, however by law, you may request to be excused from jury duty if you are:

- 70 years of age or older
- A full-time federal, state, or local law enforcement officer
- A Non-Resident of Collier County
- A Non-Citizen of the United States
- Under prosecution for any crime
- A felon convicted in Florida or any other state, territory, or country, or in any federal court
- An expectant mother or parent who is not employed full-time and who has custody of a child under six (6) years of age
- A person responsible for the care of a person incapable of caring for him/herself
- A full-time student who is 18-21 years of age

A person who permanently incapable of caring for him/herself may be permanently excused upon request if the request is accompanied by a written statement to that effect from a licensed physician, which will be reviewed by the Duty Judge. Other persons who can demonstrate hardship, extreme inconvenience, or public necessity may request to be excused by the Presiding Judge.

A person who is summoned and has reported as a prospective juror is exempt from jury service for a minimum period of one year.

MAIN CAMPUS

Collier County Courthouse

3315 Tamiami Trail East
Naples, FL 34112-5324
Telephone: (239) 252-2646
Hours: 8 am to 5 pm Monday – Friday

SATELLITE OFFICES

HOURS MAY VARY

Airport DHSMV

725 Airport Road South
Naples, FL 34104

City of Marco Island

50 Bald Eagle Dr.
Marco Island, FL 34145

Eagle Creek

6654 Collier Blvd.
Naples, FL 34114

Everglades City Hall

102 Copeland Avenue N
Everglades City, FL 34139

Golden Gate

4715 Golden Gate Parkway
Naples, FL 34116

Heritage Bay

15450 Collier Blvd.
Naples, FL 34119

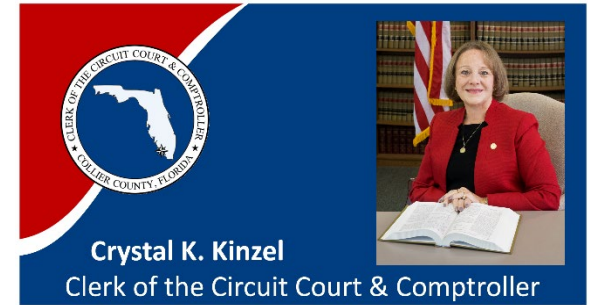
Immokalee Courthouse

106 South First Street
Immokalee, FL 34142

North Collier Government Services Center

2335 Orange Blossom Dr.
Naples, FL 34109

Please refer to www.CollierClerk.com



Crystal K. Kinzel
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

JURY SERVICE

The right to a jury trial is one of our fundamental American rights that is guaranteed by State and Federal constitutions. As an American citizen, it is our duty to serve as a juror.

For more information visit us online at:

www.CollierClerk.com

Deputy Clerks, under Florida law, are not authorized to give legal advice.

Persons with Disabilities - Please visit our website for more information.

How was my name selected for jury service?

Your name was selected at random for jury service from the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles database of licensed drivers and holders of Florida Identification Cards of Collier County residents.

Are all licensed drivers eligible for jury service? No. To qualify as a juror, a person must be at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, a legal resident of the State of Florida and have an address in Collier County.

How long will I serve as a juror?

If selected as a juror, you will be required to serve the length of one trial unless otherwise directed by a Judge. The length of a trial can vary widely based on the type and complexity of the case. If you are excused from selection on a trial, return to the jury assembly room unless directed otherwise by a Judge. Being excused from one trial does not prevent you from being selected as a juror for other trials.

Important Juror Tips

Don't be late for court sessions, and always sit in the same seat in the jury box. It's important to remain calm and relaxed throughout the process. Control your emotions, facial contortion or any other expression. Arrange for family, business, and/or school matters before you report for jury service. An emergency number will be provided to you to share with anyone who may need to reach you in the event of an

emergency. Electronic devices are removed during deliberation.

When the courtroom is ready, the bailiff will escort the jury to the courtroom.

During the trial, there may be legal matters that must be discussed outside of your presence and the Judge will excuse the jury. Do not do any research about the trial or the parties involved. Do not watch the news during the trial as it may be televised.

Please dress appropriately, casual attire is not suitable. Jurors should wear business or business-casual attire and a sweater is recommended as courtrooms may be cold.

Some courtrooms are fragrance free so please refrain from wearing fragrances.

Where will I serve as a juror?

Jury trials are held in the Collier County Courthouse located at 3315 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, Florida. If you have been summoned for jury service, your juror summons will list your reporting location. The summons will explain the reporting instructions in detail. You may visit our website @ www.collierclerk.com for detailed instructions regarding reporting for jury service.

Will I be paid to serve as a juror?

Jurors are compensated in accordance with Florida law. If you are regularly employed and receive regular wages while serving as a juror, you are not entitled to be paid for the first three days of your service. If you are not regularly employed or you don't receive regular wages during your service, you will be compensated at

the rate of \$15.00 per day for the first three days of service. Each juror who serves more than three days is entitled to be paid \$30.00 per day for the fourth day of service and each day thereafter.

What is the role of the prospective juror?

Jury service is essential to the functioning of our judicial system and to the operation of our entire system of government. Jury service is the duty of all qualified individuals because we all enjoy the privileges of citizenship and the protection of our liberty and property afforded by the judicial system. Jurors perform the crucial task of deciding a case based upon the evidence that the attorneys present and by applying to that evidence the law referenced in the Judge's instructions.

How can I make my service more comfortable?

Coffee, water and tea are available in the jury assembly room. Snack and beverage machines are located in the jury room. Restrooms are located in the jury room as well as on each level of the building. Public WiFi is available throughout the courthouse. You may bring a book or other reading material; newspapers are not permitted. A sweater or jacket is suggested for your comfort. Make sure you bring any medications you might need. You may park in the covered public parking garage free of charge.