

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
JURY SERVICE

- Q. What can happen if I fail to appear in Court for jury service?**
A. The Circuit Court has the authority to hold you in contempt of court. Late appearance may also result in forfeiture of jury fees.
- Q. How should I dress for court?**
A. Proper dress is required. Proper attire is that which you would wear to an important legal or business meeting, since you will be judging matters of importance to others. Jeans, shorts, t-shirts, halter tops and the like are prohibited.
- Q. If I have moved from Isle of Wight County or I am a convicted felon, what should I do? (a felony is a crime for which you could have received a penitentiary sentence)**
A. Provide the information to the Clerk of Court at 757-365-6206 as soon as possible, and you may be excused.
- Q. What should I do if I have a doctor's appointment, vacation, out-of-town job travel or other conflicts during my term of Jury service?**
A. Your jury service may be rescheduled, but only for a legitimate reason. You should discuss your conflict by calling the Clerk's Office as soon as you are aware of the conflict; otherwise, you must appear on the date and time shown on the notice.
- Q. Do I have to serve on jury duty if I have a medical problem?**
A. Not all medical problems are grounds to be excused from jury service. Each situation must be decided by the Judge on an individual basis. If you have a written doctor's excuse, you should bring your written medical excuse to the Clerk of Court prior to the date of your first scheduled service.
- Q. Suppose I am ill on one of my scheduled dates?**
A. The Circuit Court Clerk's Office should be notified immediately by calling 757-365-6206 or 757-365-6233.
- Q. If I have other questions concerning Jury service, whom should I contact?**
A. The Clerk of the Circuit Court at 356-1978, as soon as possible.