



# FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT

## Jury Commission

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### JUROR CODE OF CONDUCT

- Dress code is business casual. No shorts or hats are allowed in the courtroom.
- Be on time. The trial cannot proceed until all jurors are present. Wear your juror identification badge **AT ALL TIMES**, even at lunch and while on break.
- Pay close attention to what is being said by everyone. If you cannot hear what is being said, raise your hand and let the Judge know.
- Do not talk about the case with anyone while the trial is in progress; not even other jurors or family members.
- If an outsider attempts to talk with you about a case you are serving on, please do the following:
  - Tell the person it is improper for a juror to discuss the case or receive information outside the courtroom;
  - Refuse to listen if the outsider persists;
  - Immediately report the incident to the Judge's Bailiff.
- Report to the Judge's Bailiff any improper behavior by a fellow juror.
- Jurors on a case should refrain from discussing any subject with any lawyer, witness, or party in the case – even if it is not related to the matter being tried. Such contact may make a new trial necessary.
- During the trial, if a juror learns of any facts of the case outside of the trial, he/she should inform the Bailiff immediately. Do not mention any such matter in the Jury Assembly Room.
- Do not conduct your own investigation or discover evidence on your own. Cases must be decided only on the basis of evidence admitted in Court.
- Listen carefully to the instructions given by the Judge before deliberations. It is a juror's responsibility to accept and understand the Judge's instructions about the law and how it is to be applied to the case.
- Do not talk to anyone about deliberations or the verdict until discharged from the case by the Judge. After discharge, you are NOT obligated to do so, but you may discuss the verdict and the deliberations with anyone, including the media, the lawyers, or family.