

Jury Duty

Your Role as a Juror

You are to report to the Evangeline Parish Courthouse at the time and date stated on your subpoena. You will report to the main courtroom located on the second floor of the Courthouse. The assigned Judge will determine if you are qualified to serve on the jury.

After that determination is made, all potential jurors may be asked to wait in the old Police Jury room, also located on the second floor of the Courthouse. The Judge will then question prospective jurors. You must not leave this area.

When you are sent to the courtroom, you are asked to conduct yourself in a respectful manner. You should be alert, courteous and honest about your feelings and opinions on issues.

Should you be selected as juror, it is imperative that you are attentive at all times. The Judge presiding over that court will give instructions and orders that you must follow.

If you have any problem (such as not being able to hear a witness), have an urgent question or request, you may ask the Bailiff to notify the Judge, who will then handle your request.

After you have heard all the evidence and each attorney has summed up his case, the Judge will instruct you on the law that applies to the facts you will consider. You will then be escorted to the Jury Deliberation Room where you and your fellow jurors will deliberate.