

Message from the Pennsylvania Interbranch Commission for Gender, Racial and Ethnic Fairness

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that over 1.3 million Pennsylvania residents, or 10.8% of the state's population, speak a language other than English. Having the voices of all Pennsylvanians fairly represented in our courts is an important goal of our Commission. One way to ensure fair representation in our courts is to encourage those who speak English as a second language to serve on juries.

Since the early days of our republic, jury service has remained a mark of citizenship and a touchstone of civic duty. One of the country's founding fathers, President Thomas Jefferson, referred to jury service as "the only anchor ever yet imagined by man, by which a government can be held to the principles of its constitution."

We hope that you will find this guide helpful when you are summoned to perform jury service - one of the most important and precious duties of citizenship in the United States of America.

Looking for More Information on Jury Service?

For more information on jury service in Pennsylvania's state courts in general, visit:

<https://www.pacourts.us/learn/jury-duty>

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Here are answers to frequently-asked questions about serving on a jury in Pennsylvania's state courts, particularly for people for whom English is their second language.

