

## **AFTER THE TRIAL:**

### Charging the Jury:

After all the evidence has been presented, the Judge gives instructions to the Jury. This is where the Judge explains the law and how it is applied. The Judge will also define the issues to decide.

### Jury Deliberation:

After the attorneys make closing arguments and the Judge charges the Jury, Jurors go to the deliberation room to discuss the facts of the case and the evidence presented in court. This is when the jury decides on a verdict.

Before beginning deliberation, the jury will elect a foreperson to lead an orderly discussion about the trial. The foreperson will ensure each juror has an opportunity to participate and all issues brought up in trial are thoroughly covered.

### Verdict Announcement:

Once the Jury decides on a verdict, the Foreperson must notify the Bailiff. The Judge will then read the verdict in the courtroom, and the jurors will be dismissed.

*Thank you for your civic duty  
and serving as a juror!*

*We appreciate your service.*

## **FAQ:**

### Will I be paid?

You will be paid \$25.00 a day for your service as a juror. You will be paid via check a few weeks from your last day of service.

### How long do trials last?

Trials generally last two to three days; however, a trial may last longer. On the first day of trial, you will be advised by the Judge of the anticipated duration of the case. The hours for jury trials are normally 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

### How was I selected for jury duty?

In Geauga County, jurors are randomly selected from a list of registered voters and/or BMV driver's license records in Geauga County.

### Will I be sitting in trial for the entire day?

No, you will not be in the Courtroom for the entire day. You will be given breaks and time to eat lunch during the trial. There may also be a waiting period before the trial begins, so we recommend bringing a book, your phone, or some form of entertainment to help pass the time.

### Questions/Concerns:

Judge Carolyn J. Paschke:

Jury Administrator	(440) 279-2194
Admin. Assistant	(440) 279-2192
Bailiff	(440) 279-2191

Judge Matthew Rambo:

Jury Administrator	(440) 279-2017
Admin. Assistant	(440) 279-2019
Bailiff	(440) 279-2018



## **GEAUGA COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS**

**100 Short Court Street  
Chardon, Ohio 44024**

### **JUDGE CAROLYN J. PASCHKE**

**(440) 279-2190 – Main Line  
(440) 279-2255 – Jury Line**

### **JUDGE MATTHEW RAMBO**

**(440) 279-2015 – Main Line  
(440) 279-2266 – Jury Line**

# JUROR INFORMATION

## BEFORE YOU ARRIVE:

### Parking:

Jurors are permitted to park around the Square or in the Geauga County Library Parking Lot at 110 East Park Street.

There is public parking on the corner of South Street and Water Street behind the fire station.

Handicapped parking spaces are located on the west side of the courthouse on Main Street. A ramp is available at the main entrance to the courthouse. An elevator will then take you to the second floor. Please call in advance so we can further assist you.

### What to Bring:

Bottled water, cell phone (turned off), wallet, and car keys. Bags, backpacks, purses, and food (other than a packed lunch or snacks if medically necessary) are not permitted in the courthouse. Lunch options are available near the courthouse, or you may pack your own.

### What to Wear:

Please dress in comfortable, business casual attire. The temperature in the Courtroom fluctuates, so please bring a sweater or jacket. Hats are not permitted.

## AFTER YOU ARRIVE:

### Security:

For your safety, a deputy is located at the entrance to the courthouse. Everyone is required to pass through a metal detector.

**Please leave your purses and bags at home or in the car.** Do not bring weapons, pepper spray, knives, and sharp objects, as they will be confiscated. Any legal, confiscated item may be returned to you as you leave the courthouse at the end of the day.

### Courtroom Restrictions:

No food or gum is permitted in the courtroom. Only bottled water is allowed. Please remove hats and coats in advance. Please use the designated juror restrooms near the Jury Room.

### Jury Selection:

All prospective jurors will take an oath and/or agree to honestly answer questions asked by the Judge and attorneys.

The questions asked will be used to determine if you would be able to be fair and impartial in deciding the case. This inquiry is called *voir dire*, which means “to speak the truth.”

You will be given a description of the case and the opportunity to tell the Court and the attorneys about anything that might impact your ability to serve as a juror. Private matters can be addressed at sidebar.

Attorneys for each side of the case have a right to ask that a certain number of jurors be excused from serving as a juror without giving a reason (peremptory challenge) or for legal reasons (challenges for cause).

*Voir dire* typically lasts two to three hours. If you are not selected as a juror or were excused, you will be dismissed and your service will be completed.

## DURING THE TRIAL:

### Opening Statements:

Opening statements are made by the attorneys of each party. The Prosecution/Plaintiff always begins as they bear the burden of proof. Both sides will introduce the case and provide an overview to the Jury about what they can expect to hear during the trial.

### Evidence and Witness Testimony:

The Prosecution/Plaintiff's case is presented first, and then the Defense may present their case.

Each side may call witnesses to the stand and ask questions of their own witnesses through direct examination. An attorney from the other side has the right to ask questions through cross-examination.

Evidence may be admitted to the Court such as documents or photographs.

### Closing Arguments:

Closing arguments are made by each party, and both sides summarize the case they presented in court. The Prosecution/Plaintiff begins and ends closing arguments because they bear the burden of proof.