

JURY DUTY

REQUESTS FOR EXEMPTIONS, EXCUSES & DEFERRALS

GUIDELINES

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to Idaho Court Administrative Rule 62, that the policy regarding requests for exemption, excuse and/or deferral from jury service in the first judicial district shall be as follows:

THERE SHALL BE NO AUTOMATIC EXCUSES FROM SERVICE

DEFERRALS (POSTPONEMENTS) ARE PREFERRED OVER EXCUSES

1. All requests for deferral (postponements) from service shall be initially made to the Jury Commissioner of the county where the request is being made. The policy for granting deferrals is as follows:

a. any deferral (postponement) shall be to a date certain; and,

b. the court shall be made aware of multiple requests for deferral (postponement) made by any individual prospective juror.

2. All requests for excuse from service shall be initially made to the Jury Commissioner of the county where the request is being made. The Jury Commissioner may grant excuses from service ONLY on the grounds set forth in section 2-209 of the Idaho Code, as follows:

a. if the prospective juror is not a citizen of the United States, or less than 18 years old, or not a resident of the county;

b. if the prospective juror is unable to read, speak, and understand the English language;

c. if the prospective juror is incapable, by reason of his or her physical or mental disability,

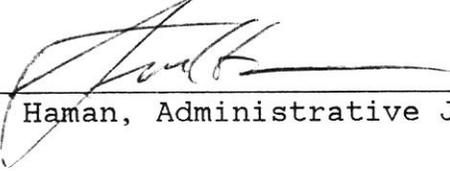
of rendering satisfactory jury service; BUT ONLY IF the person claiming this disqualification submits a physician's certificate as to the disability. The certifying physician is subject to inquiry by the court at its discretion;

d. if the prospective juror has lost the right to vote because of a criminal conviction; or

e. if the prospective juror is seventy (70) years of age or older and submits a written statement requesting that he or she be excused.

3. Any other request for excuse from jury service shall be made by the prospective juror to the judge presiding over the first trial to which the prospective juror is summoned. The method of considering such a request shall be at the discretion of the judge presiding over such first trial. If no other format is established by an individual judge, the prospective juror making such a request shall present the request verbally, in open court, on the record.

DATED this 22nd day of August.



Gary M. Haman, Administrative Judge