

## IMPORTANCE OF SERVICE AND ETIQUETTE

The United States Constitution and the Texas Constitution guarantee all people, regardless of race, religion, sex, national origin, or economic status, the right to a trial by an impartial jury.

Jurors should give close attention to the testimony. They are sworn to disregard their prejudices and follow the Court's instructions. They must render a verdict according to their best judgment.

Jurors should not discuss the case even among themselves until they are sent to deliberate by the judge.

Jurors should not attempt to make a decision on the facts of the case until all the evidence has been presented to them and they have been instructed on the law applicable to the case.

In the courtroom, jurors are not permitted to:

- Use their cell phones or electronic devices,
- Read a newspaper, magazine, or book,
- Carry on a conversation with another juror.

Jurors will be treated with consideration. Their comfort and convenience will be served whenever possible.

Jurors should bring to the attention of the judge any matter affecting their service and should notify the court of any emergency. In the event of a personal emergency, a juror may send word to the judge through the bailiff or may ask to see the judge privately.