

Background

The Tohono O’odham Constitution guarantees all members the right to a jury trial.¹ Jurors are necessary to ensure justice for all.

The Tohono O’odham Himdag (way of life) has a long heritage of resolving disputes through group consensus. Jury duty acts the same way for the members selected to decide the outcome of a case. Jury duty is a way for the Tohono O’odham community to be involved in the justice process.

Jurors help protect the Tohono O’odham Nation’s sovereignty by making sure that members of the community decide case outcomes.

All members of the Nation at least 18 years old are eligible to serve as jurors.

Important Information

If you receive a jury summons, you **must** register your juror number (found on the summons) with the Jury Manager by either:

1. Emailing or texting your juror number to juryduty@tonation-nsn.gov; OR
2. Calling (520) 383-6311, leave your name, phone number, and juror number on this voicemail.

Jurors selected to serve on a jury will be paid \$15.00 per day. Please see your jury summons for details about mileage claims and juror payments.

All requests to be excused from jury duty must be submitted in writing and notarized. The form can be found at <https://tojc-nsn.gov/forms>. Send your request to:

Mail: Tohono O’odham Judicial Branch
P.O. Box 761
Sells, AZ 85634

For questions or information on jury service you can reach the jury clerk by:

1. Email at juryduty@tonation-nsn.gov; OR
2. Phone at (520) 383-6311. The number has an out-going message about pending trials. Be sure to listen carefully for your assigned trial date. If a trial is canceled, that information will be on this voicemail.
3. When contacting the Court, please include your name and juror number from the jury summons.

Please dress appropriately. **Mini-skirts, shorts, tank tops, halter tops, crop tops, t-shirts with derogatory or offensive lettering or design, and flip-flops are not allowed.** If you come to court wearing any of these items, you may be told to return home (at your own expense) to change. The Court’s dress code can be found at www.tojc-nsn.gov.

¹ T.O. Constitution, Article III, Section 4.