

**CHAPTER 14 ACTIVITY**  
**Analyzing**

*Directions: Read the jury summons that appears below, and then, on a separate sheet of paper, answer the questions that follow.*

**Mai Chin, you have been randomly selected to serve as a trial juror in the County Superior Court in Your State. You are hereby summoned to appear in the County Court on 2/26/20\_\_ at 8:30 A.M.**

**It is a crime for any person summoned for jury service to intentionally fail to appear as directed.**

**Please mail or fax this form to 1-800-555-87155 within one week.**

**Section A. Juror Qualification Form**

The laws of this state provide that a person is qualified to serve as a juror if that person:

1. is older than eighteen (18) years of age;
2. is a citizen of the United States;
3. is a resident of the county in which he or she has been summoned to serve;
4. is able to communicate in the English language; and
5. if convicted of a felony, has had his or her civil rights restored.

The undersigned, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury: (check one)

\_\_\_ that I am qualified to serve as a juror.

\_\_\_ that I am disqualified to serve as a juror due to:

(circle one or more) 1 2 3 4 and/or 5, as stated above.

Mai Chin

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section B. To Request a Hardship Excuse from Jury Service. Please Fill Out Below.**

The details supporting my request to be excused: \_\_\_\_\_

**State Law:** An employer shall provide an employee with sufficient leave of absence from work to serve as a juror when summoned.

**Job-related exemption** requires a letter from the employer. Medical exemption requires a letter from the doctor. Letters should be mailed in an envelope with this entire jury summons form to the address shown above.

**If you did not receive notice** within five (5) days of the date you mailed in your exemption request, your request has been granted.

**Complete the information below**

Age (in years) \_\_\_ Years lived in state \_\_\_ Years of education \_\_\_

Birthplace (state or country) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you related or a close friend of any law enforcement officer? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Employment status: \_\_\_ Employed \_\_\_ Unemployed \_\_\_ Retired

Are you able to read and write the English language? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

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Have you served on a jury before? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No  
If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_ Which court \_\_\_\_\_?  
Do you drive a motor vehicle? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No  
Do you drink alcoholic beverages? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No  
If you have children, state their ages: \_\_\_\_\_  
Have you ever been convicted of a crime? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

**Instructions: Read carefully**

**Length of jury service – Tuesday through Thursday or the conclusion of trial.**

Please report at 8:30 A.M. on your first day of service and at 9:00 A.M. each day thereafter. Court is generally dismissed at 4:30 P.M. In rare instances, deliberations may continue beyond 5:00 p.m. Report to County Superior Court, 12<sup>th</sup> floor, 600 5<sup>th</sup> St., Your City and State.

Under state law, anyone convicted of a felony in any court is not eligible to serve as a juror until his or her civil rights are restored by court order. If this applies to you, please bring a copy of the order when you report to jury duty.

**Hardship**

- Serving as a juror is a right, a privilege, and a responsibility of citizenship.
- If appearing in response to this summons would cause you undue hardship, you must apply for an exemption. Undue hardship means more than inconvenience or difficulty serving. It means circumstances which make it truly unfair to require you to serve at this time.
- If you request an exemption from service or a change in the date of service, complete the form and return it to the address on the form.
- To reschedule only, visit our Web site at [www.courts/jury/juryservice](http://www.courts/jury/juryservice).
- If an emergency or illness prevents you from reporting, call 1-800-555-5688.

**Disabilities**

If you have a physical condition that may require special accommodations, please call 1-800-555-5688 immediately.

**Compensation**

Payment for each day of service is \$10. Jury checks are generally mailed within 30 days of service.

**Badge**

The juror badge is a signal to others that they should not discuss any case before the court with you or in your presence. someone attempts to have such a discussion or contact with you, immediately report the situation to the Jury Clerk or, if seated on a jury, to the Judge or Bailiff.

**Dress**

You are encouraged to dress in business casual attire. Please, no shorts, tank or halter tops or athletic/beachwear. Hats are allowed only if worn for religious purposes.

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- a. Who has received this summons?
- b. What does *summons* mean?
- c. What are the requirements to be eligible to serve on a jury?
- d. What happens if her boss does not want her to be released for jury duty?
- e. What is Mai Chin required to do with the summons?
- f. How much time does she have to answer the summons?
- g. What if Mai Chin does nothing?
- h. Does Mai Chin have an obligation to serve on a jury?
- i. What if Mai Chin had already scheduled a trip back to China for that time in February? Can she reschedule her jury duty? What would she have to do?
- j. If Mai had been convicted of felony embezzlement, what should she do?
- k. What if Mai Chin speaks limited English and cannot write English well?
- l. What is the first date that Mai Chin is required to be at court?
- m. How long will her jury duty last?
- n. Will Mai Chin get paid for jury duty? If so, how much?
- o. If Mai Chin is hearing impaired, what should she do?
- p. When Mai Chin is eating her lunch in the courthouse cafeteria, the defense attorney in the trial where she is a juror is talking to her client at the next table and Mai can hear the conversation. What should Mai do?