

Serving On the Mendocino County Civil Grand Jury

Grand jurors in each county of California are selected by judges of the Superior Court. In Mendocino County, announcements inviting applications are run in local newspapers and on local radio.

Applications are available online at www.mendocinocounty.org/government/grand-jury. They can also be picked up at the Courthouse, 100 North State Street, Room 303, Ukiah. The Superior Court Presiding Judge and the grand jury foreperson interview applicants whose background, competency and proper qualifications are reviewed.

From the pool of candidates, names are chosen by lottery to fill the final panel of 19 grand jurors, less the number of “hold-over” grand jurors from the preceding year. In addition, alternates names are drawn.

Qualifications for Grand Jury Service (PC §893)

Competency

A person **is** competent to act as a grand juror only if he or she possesses each of the following qualifications:

- He or she is a citizen of the United States of the age of 18 years or older and has been a resident of the state and of the county or city and county for one year immediately before being selected.
- He or she is in possession of his or her natural faculties and is of ordinary intelligence, of sound judgment, and of fair character.
- He or she is possessed of sufficient knowledge of the English language.

Incompetency

A person is **not** competent to act as a grand juror if any of the following apply:

- The person is serving as a trial juror in any court of this state.
- The person has been discharged as a grand juror in any court of this state within one year.
- The person has been convicted of malfeasance in office or any felony or other high crime.
- The person is serving as an elected public officer.