



## **JUROR ELIGIBILITY CHANGES**

### **Effective January 1, 2020**

Per California Senate Bill 310 (SB 310), effective 1/1/20, some persons with prior felony convictions will be eligible for jury service as a result of revised eligibility criteria. Under this new law, a prior felony conviction does not automatically disqualify an individual from jury service. However, an individual is ineligible to serve as a juror if:

- 1) The individual has been convicted of a felony and is on parole, postrelease community supervision, felony probation, or mandated supervision for the conviction of a felony at the time of their jury summons date;
- 2) The individual is required to register as a sex offender pursuant to Penal Code Section 290 for the conviction of a felony;
- 3) The individual is incarcerated in any prison or jail as of their summons date.

In addition to meeting the criteria described above, to be eligible for jury service in Alameda County an individual must:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be at least 18 years old
- Be a resident of Alameda County
- Understand English enough to understand and discuss the case
- Have had civil rights restored if convicted of a felony or malfeasance while holding public office
- Not have served on a jury in the last 12 months
- Not currently serve on a grand jury or on another trial jury
- Not be the subject of conservatorship