



## **TRIBAL COURT OF THE CONFEDERATED SALISH & KOOTENAI TRIBES**

### **JURY POOL SELECTION NOTICE**

Dear Tribal Member:

You have been selected as a member of the Tribal Court **Jury Pool for 2024**. In the attached Juror Information packet, we provide a review of the measures we are taking to ensure the safety of all participants involved in conducting a jury trial during the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **Required Jury Questionnaire**

Please fill out the enclosed questionnaire and return it within **seven (7) days** in the enclosed envelope.

#### **Medical Excuses & Hardship Excuses**

To serve on a jury, you must be currently living on the Flathead Reservation and be able to sit in a chair in the jury box for at least one (1) hour at a time and be able to hear the testimony and see the exhibits presented and understand the court proceedings. If you are suffering from a physical condition that makes it impossible for you to do this, please complete the JUROR QUESTIONNAIRE and AFFIDAVIT OF EXCUSAL FROM JURY DUTY describing your condition and why it prevents you from serving on a jury. If jury duty would temporarily cause you hardship, please complete the JUROR QUESTIONNAIRE and AFFIDAVIT OF EXCUSAL FROM JURY DUTY thoroughly explaining your situation and why serving on a jury would cause hardship. After the Chief Judge has reviewed the questionnaires and affidavits, you will be notified whether your request to be excused has been granted or denied. If you have already been permanently excused, please provide documentation.

#### **Summons to One Month of Jury Duty**

You do not need to contact the Court again until you receive a Jury Summons from the Clerk of Court for a particular month of jury duty. During that month you must be available to serve on a jury if a scheduled trial proceeds. Most scheduled trials are postponed or settled out of

court and do not require a jury. However, each Wednesday during your month of jury duty you must call the Clerk of Court's office (406 275-2740) after 5:30 p.m. to find out if there will be a trial on the following day and if so to receive instructions on when to arrive at Court.

### **Compensation for Service & Mileage Reimbursement**

If a trial is held, those who are selected as jurors for the case will receive a fee of \$50 per day for jury service and will receive round trip mileage to and from the Court, if they live outside the Pablo city limits. Prospective jurors who report but who are not selected to serve as jurors will receive round trip mileage and will be excused as soon as jury selection is complete.

### **Change of Address or Telephone Number**

If you change you address or telephone number at any time during the 2024 calendar year, you must notify the Court in writing within two (2) weeks of the change. If you forget to notify the Court of your change of address, you may not receive the Summons for your month of jury duty.

### **Emergency Excuse**

If you have an emergency that makes it temporarily impossible for you to serve on jury duty, you may write to the Chief Judge, give an explanation in the AFFIDAVIT OF EXCUSAL FROM JURY DUTY, and request to be excused from jury duty for however long the emergency lasts.

**NOTE: If you don't show up for jury duty (whether you submit your jury questionnaire or not) at a trial held during your month, you can be charged with Criminal Contempt, and you could be subject to a \$250 fine and/or 60 days in jail. See CSKT Laws Codified, § 2-1-921(f).**

The Tribal Court appreciates your cooperation and willingness to serve your Tribal Government in this way. If you have questions, call **Malia Hamel, Clerk of Court, (406) 675-2700 ext. 1114**. Or by email at [malia.hamel@cskt.org](mailto:malia.hamel@cskt.org)

Respectfully,

Malia Hamel  
Clerk of Court