

THE JUROR EDUCATION PROJECT

The Juror Education Project is a non-partisan initiative of The Civic Trust® of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation. The Project envisions a democracy where employees are informed, engaged, and recognize jury service as both a privilege and a civic duty. Through The Juror Education Project, employers can provide resources to help their employees better participate in the jury process.

Why is Juror Education and Jury Service Important?

Public trust in the justice system is eroding. A 2024 Gallup poll revealed that Americans' confidence in the courts fell from 59% in 2020 to just 35% in 2024. Juries are the foundation of our justice system, and most Americans agree that jury duty is a cornerstone of citizenship (Pew Research Center)—yet only 8 to 10 million of the 30 million people summoned each year actually serve (NCSC). Low summons response rates contribute to persistent concerns about bias and underrepresentation in jury pools, which further undermine confidence in the system. Participating in the justice process increases transparency, which, in turn, increases trust in the integrity of our system.



The Juror Education Project has been developed in consultation with subject matter experts from across the legal system. The information provided and skills imparted are designed to educate potential jurors about the way the American jury system works. The materials provided do not constitute legal advice, nor are they intended to advocate for a particular perspective or outcome.

A Juror's Journey

"A Juror's Journey"—a 35-minute interactive online simulation—is the first initiative of the Juror Education Project. It transforms the moment an employee receives a jury summons into an opportunity to deepen their understanding of a juror's responsibilities—from summons to verdict—and the vital role juries play in upholding justice. Along with the simulation, employees can download our Companion Guide, which delves further into each concept introduced in the simulation and provides links to additional educational materials for further learning.

To learn more about bringing The Juror Education Project to your workplace or partnering with us, please reach out to The Civic Trust (civictrust@uschamber.com).

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