

## **COUNTY OF GALVESTON**

The right to a trial by jury is a very important right that each and every one of us have as citizens of the United States and the State of Texas. It is one of those rights that our forefathers, fathers, brothers, and now even our daughters and sisters have fought for and in many cases have died for. It is a previous right that each and every one of us enjoys.

However, there cannot be a trial by jury without jurors, and only citizens of Galveston County can serve as jurors for cases pending in the State and County Courts of Galveston County.

The number of cases pending in Galveston County has drastically increased and therefore there is an increasing demand for additional jurors to sit on juries in the Courts of Galveston County. The Judges of Galveston County feel very strongly that it is the duty and responsibility of the citizens of this county to serve as jurors when duly summoned.

Under Article 35.01 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, failure to appear for jury duty may result in the assessment of a fine not to exceed \$50.00 dollars and additionally an attachment may be issued directing the Sheriff of Galveston County to bring the absent juror before the Court. In addition, under Section 62.0141 of the Government Code, a person summoned for jury service who does not comply with the summons as required by law is subject to a contempt action punishable by a fine of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$1,000.00.

The Judges of Galveston County stand ready to enforce the mandated penalties for the failure of the citizens of Galveston County to appear for jury duty. We sincerely hope that these steps will not be necessary.

Judge David E. Garner

10th District Court

Judge John Ellisor

122<sup>nd</sup> District Court

Judge Janis Yarbrough 306<sup>th</sup> District Court

Judge John Grady

County Court at Law #1

Judge Christopher Dupuy County Court at Law #3 Judge Lonnie Cox 56th District Court

Judge Susan Criss

212<sup>th</sup> District Court

Judge Wayne J. Mallia 405th District Court

Judge Barbara Roberts
County Court at Law #2

Judge Kimberly Sullivan

Probate Court