



Dear Prospective Juror:

Welcome to jury service in the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan. Your participation in the jury system is critical to the American system of justice. It is one of the most important duties of citizenship in this country. Service as a juror requires no special skills or knowledge. What it does require is an open mind, an impartial mind set, and a willingness to participate with other jurors.

The judges in this district recognize that your participation in jury service may disrupt the routine of your daily life. It may necessitate sacrifices such as rescheduling appointments and missing work. It is important to keep in mind that your service as a juror serves to determine the level of justice you want for your community. I am confident the time you spend on this important task will be a valuable learning experience, provide an intriguing opportunity to learn more about our system of justice and how it works. You will observe your federal court in action and participate in the democratic process.

This Court's commitment to you is to ensure your valuable time is well spent and to make your service as rewarding as possible. Thank you in advance for the sacrifice your service as a juror in the United States District Court may entail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Holmes Bell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Robert Holmes Bell  
Chief United States District Judge

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