

SUPREME COURT OF COLORADO

Office of the Chief Justice

Juror Service for Hearing-Impaired People

The following directive is issued to provide guidance to Jury Commissioners when an accommodation is requested by a potential juror with a hearing impairment.

1. Upon notification by a hearing-impaired person summoned for jury duty, the Colorado Courts shall provide reasonable accommodation which will enable the person to serve as a juror.
2. To determine the reasonable accommodation, the jury commissioner will consult with the hearing-impaired person and discuss options which may include hearing-assistance devices, real-time transcription, sign language interpretation, or other options which may be suggested by the potential juror.
3. If necessary due to time constraints related to the availability of any of the agreed-upon accommodations, and at the court's discretion, the hearing-impaired individual's jury summons may be continued to allow the court time to provide the agreed-upon accommodation. If the juror's service is continued, the court will provide the agreed upon accommodation for the duration of any jury trial on which the hearing-impaired person serves.
4. The State of Colorado will provide and pay the reasonable costs of any of these services for the duration of any jury trial on which the hearing-impaired person serves.

APPROVED BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE

Anthony F. Vollack

Date