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THE ARIZONA LENGTHY  
TRIAL FUND

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### Message from the Chief Justice...

Your service as a juror helps to assure all Arizonans the constitutional right to a trial by jury. Thank you for your support of the jury system, an important component of a free society.

Rebecca White Berch  
Chief Justice  
Arizona Supreme Court



“I consider trial by jury as the only anchor ever yet imagined by man, by which a government can be held to the principles of its Constitution.”

Thomas Jefferson



In an effort to reduce the financial burden on jurors who serve on extended trials, the Arizona Legislature established the Arizona Lengthy Trial Fund (ALTF) in 2003, effective January 1, 2004, with subsequent amendments. (A.R.S. § 21-222).

The fund is designed to fully or partially replace juror's earnings if they are asked to serve on trials lasting more than 5 days. A jury service day includes any day that a juror is required to report to the courthouse.

#### COMPENSATION FOR ELIGIBLE JURORS:

ALTF-eligible jurors are paid under the following schedule:

- Days 1-3:
  - ✓ \$12 county-paid jury fee
  - ✓ mileage reimbursement
  
- Days 4 to the end of the trial:
  - ✓ \$12 county-paid jury fee
  - ✓ mileage reimbursement
  - ✓ ALTF pay (up to \$300/day)

Depending on local practices, jurors may be paid on a daily, weekly, bi-weekly, or on some other periodic basis or after jury service has been completed.

#### JURORS WHO ARE WORKING

The Jury Commissioner will provide jurors with an ALTF Juror Claim Form and explain the supporting documentation that must accompany the form. The form

requires jurors to disclose information about their regular earnings and how much they are actually earning while they serve as jurors, if anything. Employer verification will also be required. The Jury Commissioner will use this information to determine how much money jurors shall receive from the ALTF.

A juror who does not agree with the Jury Commissioner's decision regarding payment can ask to have the decision reviewed by the Presiding Judge.

#### UNEMPLOYED OR RETIRED JURORS

Unemployed and retired jurors are eligible to receive ALTF pay in the amount of \$28/day even if they receive income in the form of spousal maintenance, pensions, retirement, unemployment compensation, disability benefits, or other similar income. These types of income will not be deducted from their ALTF payments.

#### EXAMPLES

Once a juror has served 6 days, the Jury Commissioner can determine the juror's eligibility and the amount the juror is entitled to be paid. The following examples illustrate how the amount of a juror's pay is determined.

**John Smith** normally earns \$40/day. His employer is not paying John while he serves on the jury. In addition to his ALTF pay, John will receive a \$12/day county-paid jury fee. John's ALTF payment should be \$28/day, making his total take-home jury pay \$40/day plus mileage reimbursement.

John's total take-home jury pay will be calculated as follows:

#### Days 1 – 3:

\$12/day + mileage reimbursement

#### Days 4 to the end of the trial:

\$40 - \$12 = \$28

\$28 + \$12 = \$40

\$40/day + mileage reimbursement

**Anna Martinez** normally earns \$350/day. Her employer is not paying her while Anna serves on the jury. Anna's daily ALTF payment should be \$338. However, the law limits the ALTF payment to \$300/day. Anna's total take-home jury pay will be calculated as follows.

#### Days 1 – 3:

\$12/day + mileage reimbursement

#### Days 4 to the end of the trial:

\$350 - \$12 = \$338

\$338 (reduced to \$300) + \$12 = \$312

\$312/day + mileage reimbursement