

NOTICE TO THE BAR

JURY – RECORDS REQUESTS PURSUANT TO RULE 1:8-5 AND STATE V. DANGCIL (A-56-20) (DECIDED AUGUST 16, 2021)

This notice provides direction as to requests for jury records pursuant to Rule 1:8-5 (“Availability of Petit Jury List”) and the Supreme Court’s opinion in [State v. Dangcil](#) (A-56-20) (decided August 16, 2021).

Rule 1:8-5 Requests for the Petit Jury List

Rule 1:8-5 provides that “[t]he list of the general panel of petit jurors shall be made available by the clerk of the court to any party requesting the same at least 10 days prior to the date fixed for trial.” Requests for the general panel of petit jurors should continue to be directed to the Jury Management Office. Requests should be submitted via email to the [Jury Manager](#) and also by fax or hand delivery to the Jury Management Office.

Requests for Records of Juror Dismissals, Excusals, and Deferrals

In addition to the standard petit jury list pursuant to Rule 1:8-5, the Judiciary can provide upon timely request (10 days prior to selection): (1) the names of any and all prospective jurors who were dismissed from jury service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B:20-1, and the reasons for their dismissal; (2) the names of any and all prospective jurors who were excused from jury service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B:20-10, and the reasons for their excusal; and (3) the names of any and all prospective jurors who were deferred from jury service, and the reasons for their deferral. Such information about jurors who are not scheduled to report for service will be released under protective order signed by the Assignment Judge or trial judge, which shall specify the authorized purposes for which such information can be used and shall note the redaction of juror addresses and phone numbers.

Requests for records of juror dismissals, excusals, and deferrals should be directed by email to the Superior Court Clerk’s Office (SCCOmbudsman.mbx@njcourts.gov) with copies to the [Jury Manager](#) and the Statewide Manager of Jury Programs (Brian.McLaughlin1@njcourts.gov).

Requests for Juror Demographic Information

The Supreme Court in State v. Dangcil directed the Administrative Office of the Courts (“AOC”) to begin collecting jurors’ demographic information, specifically as to a juror’s identified racial identity, ethnicity, and gender categories. The AOC is in the process of implementing the Court’s direction. However, given the recency of this decision, protocols and procedures for such data collection and maintenance have not yet been established and implemented. Accordingly, the Judiciary has not collected and cannot provide juror demographic data for ongoing or upcoming jury selections at this time. Requests for demographic information pertaining to jurors who were summoned before the Court’s opinion in Dangcil or before implementation of a process to collect and maintain juror demographic information will be denied.

The Judiciary will provide further information on the collection of demographic information voluntarily disclosed by prospective jurors as soon as practicable.

Questions

Questions on this notice may be directed to the Office of the Administrative Director of the Courts at (609) 376-3000.



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Acting Administrative Director of the Courts

Dated: September 3, 2021