

**JURY SERVICE POSTPONEMENT, EXCUSAL, AND DISQUALIFICATION**

**(a) Scope of Rule.** This rule addresses the procedures for postponing and excusing jury service under RCW 2.36.100 and 2.36.110 and for disqualifying potential jurors under RCW 2.36.070 (basic statutory qualifications).

**(b) Delegation of Authority to Postpone, Excuse, or Disqualify.**

(1) The judges of a court may delegate to court staff and county clerks their authority to disqualify, postpone, or excuse a potential juror from jury service under RCW 2.36.100. The judges of a court may not delegate to court staff and county clerks their authority to excuse a potential juror for unfitness under RCW 2.36.110.

(2) Any delegation of authority under this rule must be written and must specify the criteria for making these decisions.

(3) Judges may not delegate decision-making authority over any grounds for peremptory challenges or challenges for cause that fall outside the scope of this rule.

**(c) Grounds for Postponement of Service.**

(1) Postponement of service for personal or work-related inconvenience should be liberally granted when requested in a timely manner.

(2) Postponement shall be to a specified period of time within the twelve-month period pursuant to RCW 2.36.100(2).

**(d) Grounds for Excusal from Service.**

(1) Excusal from jury service shall be limited and shall be allowed only when justified by the criteria established in RCW 2.36.100(1) and 2.36.110.

**(e) Grounds for Disqualification of Potential Jurors.** [Reserved. See RCW 2.36.070.]

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