



NOTICE OF REVISION TO COURT'S JURY PLAN

Please be advised-the United States District Court for the District of Vermont has revised its *Plan for the Selection of Grand and Petit Jurors for Service Within the District of Vermont* effective March 5, 2018. The primary reason for this revision is to reshape our district's jury divisions to adjust for the loss of Brattleboro as an operational place of holding court.

By way of background, prior to 1996, the District of Vermont was divided into two jury divisions, a northern division and southern division. In October of 1996, shortly after Brattleboro was re-established as a place of holding court, the district modified its jury plan to include three jury divisions (to accommodate three divisional offices). To accomplish the creation of a third division, the court sub-divided the southern division revising the jury plan to allow for potential jurors living in the southeast part of the state to be summoned to report to Brattleboro and those potential jurors living in the southwest part of the state to be summoned to report to Rutland. This revision yielded the three jury divisions: northern, southeastern, and southwestern.

The closure of our Brattleboro divisional office on October 1, 2017 resulted with Rutland and Burlington as the only two operational federal court locations in Vermont. Consequently, the court has decided to revert to two jury divisions (north and south). After looking at several options of dividing the state into two separate jury divisions (by counties), the court has concluded the best option for our district is to combine the current southeastern and southwestern divisions into one southern division (ie. revert to the jury divisions that existed prior to 1996). Accordingly, the northern division now consists of the following counties: Caledonia, Chittenden, Essex, Franklin, Grand Isle, Lamoille, Orleans, and Washington. The southern division now consists of the following counties: Addison, Bennington, Orange, Rutland, Windham, and Windsor.

A copy of the district's complete jury plan is available for review on our court's internet site or by clicking the following hyperlink:

[Jury Plan - District of Vermont](#)

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