

**Form GJ- 1, INVITATION TO APPLY FOR GRAND JURY MEMBERSHIP (Sec 7, Rule 2):**

"THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
Of the Judicial District  
Within the \_\_\_\_\_ Jury (Legislative) District of:

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Province Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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REGISTERED VOTERS within the Legislative District stated above are invited to file SECRETLY in person an application for Membership in the Grand Jury of this Judicial District located at:

Office of the Clerk of Court of the Regional Trial Court  
At (Street Address) \_\_\_\_\_  
Municipal/City/Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Official to accept applications: Clerk of Court or his Deputy  
Filing period: Month of: ( )-June \_\_\_\_\_ ( )-December \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Applicants invited: NO LIMIT

Number of applicants to be chosen by lottery: 23 citizens to be drawn randomly in court. Application drawn with absent applicant will be deposited back to the Raffle Bin.

Term of Duty, temporary: Limited to 6 months - January to June, and from July to December.

Compensation per day: The prevailing legal minimum wage in the locality where the Grand Jury is located.

Date of Lottery: The first business day of ( )-July \_\_\_\_\_ ( )-January \_\_\_\_\_

Hour of lottery to choose grand jury members: To start exactly at 9:00 AM

Persons to witness the raffle drawing of applications: Any and/or all Applicants only.

Location: The Court Room of \_\_\_\_\_

At (Street Address) \_\_\_\_\_

Municipality/City/Province: \_\_\_\_\_

**QUALIFICATION:** (a) Filipino citizen, male or female, at least 23 years old including senior citizen; (b) A registered voter of the jury district where he will serve as a grand juror; (c) Possessed with a bachelor's degree of any kind from a reputable college or university which he must show by his diploma in submitting his application who has not been a member of any fraternity, sorority or mista in any college, university or military school; (d) Must accept to serve with minimum wage (e) Not an attorney at law; (f) Not an official or employee of any government instrumentality; (g) Not a son or son-in-law or daughter or daughter-in-law of an official or employee of any government instrumentality; (h) Not a father or father-in-law or mother or mother-in-law of an official or employee of any government

instrumentality; (i) Not a brother or brother-in-law or sister or sister-in-law of an official or employee of any government instrumentality; (j) Not been convicted of a crime punishable for 6 months or more; (k) Not currently facing a criminal accusation of any kind in court; (l) Not have been a grand jury member in the last 12 months; (m) Not have been retired as a government official or employee within the last 12 months; (n) Has not been recommended or assisted by a public official or by anybody in preparing and filing his application for grand jury membership, (o) Not a member or employee of a media, news, or publishing organization; (p) Not a member of a royal clan or ruling family, or datu, bai, or sultan and/or has no claim for membership of such royal clan or ruling family, or datu, bai, or sultan; and (q) He swears under penalty of perjury in his application that he possesses all the qualification and none of the disqualification for membership in the grand jury. "Government instrumentality" includes government owned or quasi-government entities; and (q) He must submit a Clearance Certificate from the National Bureau of Investigation or regional Philippine National Police Office. **WARNING:** You will be secretly investigated and indicted for perjury or obstruction of justice by a new set of the Grand Jury after your term of service, if you falsely state your qualification in your application.

**JOB TO PERFORM:** No outside investigation. Work only inside your grand jury room. Strictly secret job. An Executive Judge shall instruct you how to perform your work. Your identity will be held in absolute secrecy. You will be given a security ID name or SIDN and your name will be secretly held under the custody of the judge which he must deposit in a bank vault. The judge who will betray or disclose your name will be subject to removal from his position and will be liable for disbarment. This is a sacrificial job of citizens to serve their community to help get rid of lawlessness and government corruption. A Grand Jury is a group of private citizens acting under Grand Jury Instruction to collectively decide independently by secret ballot free from government control to investigate serious or capital crimes including government corruption punishable by imprisonment of 12 months or more and to file accusation in court against suspected offenders regardless of their rank and position in the government or in the community upon their finding of probable cause without need of government approval. Grand Jury Instruction and its empowerment will be officiated and issued by an executive judge immediately following the drawing of code numbers of the newly chosen grand jury members. A Grand Jury action is a sovereign act of the people. You get cases to investigate from tipsters in response to your advertisement in newspapers. Although a grand jury is composed only of 23 private citizens and blindly chosen by lottery, they wield more power than a thousand or more public demonstrators because they can secretly file their accusation in court without government approval by the use of the sovereign power of the people under Article II, Section 1 of the Philippine Constitution. Since grand jurors are private citizens, they cannot be fired from their existing job. The grand jury has nothing to do with court trials. Its function is mainly to investigate and to decide to file indictment in court. It can investigate as many cases it wishes to and indict as many crime offenders. Once the grand jury has filed its indictment in court, its job is done. Thereafter, each case will be pursued for trial in court by government prosecutors before another jury, called the trial jury of 12 private citizens. Applicants for grand jury membership are required to read the Rules of the Jury System as promulgated by the Supreme Court on \_\_\_\_\_. The heirs or next of kind of member of a grand jury who dies in the course of jury duty or arising out of jury duty is entitled to a monetary indemnity of two hundred thousand (P200,000) pesos. If incapacitated only, at least fifty thousand (P50,000) pesos payable to the juror, free of tax.

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