

GENERAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM 19-124

TO: ALL DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

FROM:  JOSEPH P. ESPOSITO
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SUBJECT: SENATE BILL 310 – THE TRIAL JURY SELECTION AND
MANAGEMENT ACT – CONVICTED FELONS SERVING AS
JURORS

DATE: NOVEMBER 14, 2019

On October 8, 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Senate Bill (SB) 310 into law. Effective January 1, 2020, Code of Civil Procedure section 203 will no longer exclude persons who have been convicted of a felony from serving on a jury.

The amendment to the law will continue to exclude the following convicted felons from serving as jurors: felons who are currently incarcerated; felons who are currently on parole; felons who are currently under post-release community supervision; felons who are currently on probation for a felony; felons who are currently on mandatory supervision; and felons whose felony conviction require the felon to register as a sex offender pursuant to Penal Code section 290. All other persons with a felony conviction will be eligible and qualified to serve as prospective trial jurors.

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