

Petit Jury Policies

By case law (Supreme Court) a jury trial is required only when the possible punishment is 6 months or more.

Jury Size Case Law

Williams v. Florida (1970)

[Supreme Court upheld 6 person *state* criminal trial juries as sufficient in size]

Colgrove v. Battin (1973)

[Supreme Court upheld 6 person *federal* civil trial juries as sufficient in size]

Ballew v. Georgia (1978)

[Supreme Court rules that jury size of 5 is too small to be constitutional]

Unanimous Verdict Case Law

Unanimous verdicts are required in 45 States

Johnson v. Louisiana (1972)

[Supreme Court ruling that non-unanimous verdicts called “quorum verdicts” are acceptable and reasonable ... in this case the standard of 10 out of 12 was sufficient to convict]