

## 6.7 Glossary of Jury Terms and Jury Formation Flowchart

**Jury commission.** Each county has a jury commission composed of three members who serve two-year terms; one member is appointed by the board of county commissioners, the second by the senior resident superior court judge, and the third by the clerk of superior court. *See* G.S. 9-1.

**Jury panel.** The prospective jurors randomly drawn from the master jury list and summoned for jury service for a particular session or sessions of court. *See* G.S. 9-2(f); G.S. 9-2(i); G.S. 9-2(j); G.S. 9-5; G.S. 9-10(a).

**Jury pool.** In North Carolina, “jury pool” appears to be used synonymously with “jury panel” and “jury venire.” *See, e.g.,* NORTH CAROLINA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS, [A MANUAL FOR NORTH CAROLINA JURY COMMISSIONERS AND CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT](#) (5th ed. 2013). In cases from other jurisdictions, the term “pool” may be used to refer to a broader group. *See, e.g.,* *Ambrose v. Booker*, 684 F.3d 638, 645 (6th Cir. 2012). (“[P]etitioner raising [a fair cross-section] claim is challenging the pool from which the jury is drawn, and not necessarily the venire panel directly before him. Accordingly, the composition of one panel does not indicate whether a fair cross-section claim exists.”).

**Jury summons.** A written order to appear for jury service, issued by either the clerk or the sheriff, and served on prospective jurors at least 15 days before the session of court for which the juror is summoned. *See* G.S. 9-5; G.S. 9-10.

**Jury venire.** In North Carolina, “jury venire” appears to be used synonymously with “jury panel” and “jury pool.”

**Master jury list.** The list compiled by the jury commission each odd-numbered year of all prospective jurors qualified to serve in the two years starting January 1 of the following year. *See* G.S. 9-2(a).

**Source lists.** Lists of names used to compile the master jury list. In North Carolina, jury commissions use the list of registered voters and persons with drivers license records supplied to the county by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. Jury commissions may use other sources of names if they deem them reliable.

