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Honorable Victor Gaston
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Courts - Criminal Law -
Jury Duty

Jury lists become public
information after jurors
are qualified in open court.

Dear Representative Gaston:

The Attorney General has asked that I respond to your
request for an opinion on the following question:

In the matter of criminal cases, is the
jury list public information; or may the
presiding judge order all jury lists to
be sealed before filing the case folder?

The jury list compiled for any particular term of
criminal court would necessarily become public information
once those jurors appear in answer to their summons and are
qualified in open court, as required under §12-16-100,
Alabama Code 1975.

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Once this information becomes a matter of public record, it logically cannot revert to confidential status.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to inquire.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "H. William Wasden".

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