

## **DUTIES OF THE GRAND JURY**

Grand Jurors serve a one (1) year term from July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. The jury panel consists of nineteen (19) persons who are assigned to various committees. Typically, members meet two to three times per week.

The Grand Jury is a time-honored component of our Anglo-American legal system. Grand Jurors are selected citizens of the County who are expected to exercise sound judgment in reviewing and commenting upon the actions of governmental agencies and returning criminal indictments.

Essentially, the Grand Jury operates as an investigative agency performing a two-fold function. First, the Grand Jury has powers and duties with respect to the oversight of public offices, officers and transactions. Designated State and all County and special District agencies that serve Kings County are routinely reviewed and critiqued by the Grand Jury in its annual and interim reports.

Second, the Grand Jury has powers and duties with respect to inquiry into possible public offenses, misconduct in office by public officers and determining whether to return indictments charging the commission of felonies.

The 2002-2003 Kings County Grand Jury selection process will be conducted May - June 2002. The process involves completing this questionnaire and being interviewed by the Assistant Presiding Judge of the Kings County Courts. After selection, the Presiding Judge will further instruct jurors of their duties. Throughout its term the Grand Jury may request advice on legal matters from the District Attorney and County Counsel.