



MARRIAGE DOOMS SINGLE'S PETITION ON CITIZEN PINOY! Lala Serdenia (second from left) was petitioned as "single." Years later, when she finally had her interview at the US Embassy in Manila, it was discovered she had a marriage certificate. She was promptly denied her visa! Find out how she eventually reunited with her family in the USA on *Citizen Pinoy*—airs this Sunday, at 5:40pm (PST) with a replay on Wednesday, at 12:15am (PST) on TFC. *Citizen Pinoy* also airs on ANC-US every Sunday at 12am with replays on Sunday at 8 am and Thursday at 7pm, all PST; and on ANC-Philippines every Sunday at 4pm with a replay at 12am every Monday.

'Citizen Pinoy' returns to Manila this June!



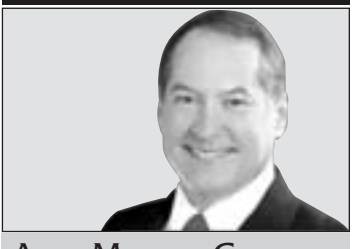
CITIZEN PINOY RETURNS TO MANILA ON JUNE 21! Let your friends and relatives back in the Philippines know that they have another chance to be part of the live studio audience of *Citizen Pinoy* on Sunday, June 21st at the ABS-CBN Studios along Mother Ignacia cor. Sgt. Esguerra Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City. Taping will be at 10am; 1pm; and 4pm. Leading US immigration attorney Michael J. Gurfinkel will be there to answer your immigration questions and provide relevant information that you will all find useful. There will be celebrity co-hosts for each taping session too! As a public service from TFC and the Law Offices of Michael J. Gurfinkel, seats are FREE, but you need to reserve now at www.citizenpinoy.com or call (011)(632)894-0239 or (011)(632)894-0258-9am to 3pm (Mondays-Fridays); 7am-11am (Saturdays)-(Philippine time). *Citizen Pinoy*—airs every Sunday, at 5:40pm (PST) with a replay on Wednesday, at 12:15am (PST) on TFC. *Citizen Pinoy* also airs on ANC-US every Sunday at 12 am with replays on Sunday at 8am and Thursday at 7pm, all PST; and on ANC- Philippines every Sunday at 4pm with a replay at 12am every Monday.

NOW in its eighth season, *Citizen Pinoy* is still going strong and remains an indispensable tool for understanding the many complex laws of immigration. In line with The Filipino Channel's

commitment to public service, and because our loved ones back in the homeland never seem to run out of immigration issues or questions, ABS-

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IMMIGRATION CORNER



ATTY. MICHAEL GURFINKEL

*DEAR Atty. Gurfinkel:
I just received a jury summons from the County Courthouse, but I am in illegal status (TNT). How did they get my name and address? Do I have to serve on a jury? Will Immigration be able to track me down? Will I be reported to Immigration? How can I get out of serving on a jury? Should I just ignore or throw away the jury summons?*

I am really worried about this, and have not been able to sleep since I received the jury summons in the mail.

*Very truly yours,
A.S.*

Dear A.S.,
County Courthouses (or the County Office of Jury Commissioner) typically select potential jurors from voter registration lists or DMV records. Since you have not registered to vote (and cannot vote since you are not a US Citizen), it is likely that your name was selected from DMV records. Therefore, as long as a person has driver's license, his name will be listed on DMV records and his name could come up for jury selection.

In order to be eligible to serve as a juror, a person must be at least 18 years of age or older, and a US citizen. Non-citizens (including green card holders, non-immigrants, and TNTs) would therefore not be eligible to serve as a juror.

Typically, the jury summons has a number of questions about a person's eligibility to serve as a juror. One of the questions is, "Are you a US citizen?" Obviously, you would have to answer that question as "No." Once the Jury Commissioner's office sees that response, they typically would not pursue the matter further.

Some of the questionnaires also ask that if the person is not a US citizen, that the person provide his "alien number." If the person is a non-immigrant or is in illegal

Jury duty for illegal aliens?

status, that person may not have an alien number. So, you should probably write "not applicable" or "none".

I have seen some situations where the Jury Commissioner's Office wants even more "proof" that a person truly is not a citizen (i.e. they want to make sure that a citizen is not trying to get out of jury duty, by claiming that he is not a citizen). So even if the "No" box is checked (that the person is

not a citizen), the clerk still wants more proof. In that situation, you may want to include the picture-page of your Philippine passport, which would indicate that you are still a Philippine citizen.

Furthermore, the Office of Jury Commissioner does not report anyone to the Department of Homeland Security. The Office of Jury Commissioner is a county office, not a "federal" agency, and

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