

JURORS ~ DUAL CITIZENSHIP

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Juror has dual citizenship, meaning she carries passports from two countries. She stated she is disqualified from serving because it would cause her to be 'disloyal' to her other country. I advised her to appear and bring it up in court. Has anyone come across this issue?

1	Carol Sharek	Tehama - I agree!
2	Sherry Spears	Fresno - No, but I would have handled just like you!
3	Lupe Castaneda	Santa Clara - No, but I would have handled it in the same way.
4	Nellie Jaime	Not in San Bernardino County – yet.
5	Arlene Cervantes	We have not had this happen in Riverside. This juror is very creative in her thinking; however, she is still qualified to serve.
6	Keri Shane	Placerville—I would handle just the way you did.
7	Joe Yniquez	Stanislaus--we'd handle the same way. I don't think being "disloyal" makes much sense at this point. She's basically packed up and left her home country to live here. If that's not considered being "disloyal" I don't know what is.
8	Pat Kilkenney	SF--Yes, she has to serve. As a dual citizen, she is required to follow the obligations of both countries. She cannot pick and choose which ones she wants to follow -- or for the convenience of getting out of jury duty!!!
9	Diana Gifford-Tuggle	Shasta--Have had a call from the father of a juror stating the juror is living and working out of the country, is an expatriate with dual citizenship. I have not had this issue in the past. I reset the service date out six months; however, the father said the juror probably will not return by that time. All and any help is greatly appreciated.