

ETHICAL DECISION MAKING

THE CALL FOR JURY DUTY

Eddie Loft is preparing to celebrate his birthday with a well-earned vacation in the Pocono Mountains. After reviewing the nonrefundable plane reservations he made two days earlier, Eddie proceeds to open the day's mail. He is surprised to see something from the courthouse and opens that envelope first.

The sentence "You are being summoned for jury duty" is printed in bold letters across the top of the envelope. Reading the letter, Eddie quickly realizes that he is being summoned to serve at the same time that he had planned on vacationing.

After connecting the dates, Eddie remembers that he had asked to be excused from jury duty on two prior occasions. After the second excusal, he was told that a third one would be granted only for serious health reasons.

YOU DECIDE

1. If you were Eddie, would you try to get out of jury duty a third time? Why or why not?
2. Why do you think individuals avoid jury duty?