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Judicial Council Court Forms Now Savable Online

San Francisco—Thanks to the efforts of the Superior Court of Orange County, 937 Judicial Council forms can now be filled out online and saved on computers without the need for users to purchase any software.

“All court users – especially self-represented litigants – will benefit from having savable forms online,” stated Presiding Judge Kim G. Dunning of the Superior Court of Orange County.

Judicial Council forms assist court filers in many areas of the law including civil, family, juvenile, small claims, and traffic matters. Forms are also available for persons requesting protective orders and name changes.

In the past, form users were able to fill out a form online, but had to print it out immediately because it could not be saved. The new savable format allows users to take their time in filling out forms, gather additional information as needed, make corrections, and then save the document.

The new capability will help litigants and the courts because forms that are printed out and filed with the court will be better prepared. Filers also will be able to save digital copies of the forms that they have kept for their records.

With the savable forms, self-help and other service centers will be able to work with clients over several sessions without losing any work performed online.

Judicial Council forms may be found at www.courtinfo.ca.gov/forms. Over the last 90 days, the forms have been downloaded more than 1.8 million times from this web site.

The new savable forms can be filled out and saved using the free Adobe Acrobat Reader, version 7.0 or later. On the last page of each form, a

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“Save” button prompts the user to save the form. “Print” and “Clear” buttons have also been provided in those cases where users may fill out a form on a public or shared computer.

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