



**Superior Court of California
County of Orange**

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**Orange County Superior Court Urgently Seeks Applicants
To Serve on The Grand Jury**

Santa Ana, CA - If you would like to make a difference by performing an oversight function into the operation of county government, the January 16, 2004-deadline for applications to serve on the Orange County Grand Jury is quickly approaching. Citizens who are interested in serving should submit their application to the Orange County Superior Court immediately.

“ It is important that the Grand Jury represent the breadth and diversity of the County. We strongly encourage all interested community members to submit an application,” said David T. McEachen, Assistant Presiding Judge and Chair of the Grand Jury Recruitment/Selection Committee.

Applications may be obtained by calling the Grand Jury Hotline at (714) 834-6747 or at the Jury Commissioner’s Office, 1st Floor, Room A100, Courthouse 700 Civic Center Drive, West Santa Ana, California between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday or through the Internet at www.occourts.org.

The Grand Jury is composed of 19 individuals whose names are selected by random drawing from those applicants nominated by the judges of the Superior Court. The Grand Jury serves for a one-year period and are empowered to investigate the operations of county government. They also consider evidence for possible indictment of persons of criminal felonies.

A grand juror must be 18 years of age or older, a United States Citizen and have resided in Orange County for at least one year. Prior to being nominated, each qualifying applicant is interviewed by a Superior Court judge and background investigations including record checks of state and local law enforcement agencies are conducted by the Orange County Sheriff.

An orientation program to inform prospective grand jurors of the time and commitment involved in Grand Jury Service will be held Thursday, January 29, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in Department C-1, 2nd Floor, Central Justice Center, 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana. All applicants are required to attend this orientation program.

For further information, call (714) 834-6747.

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