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**ORANGE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT RECEIVES  
TOP AWARD FOR ITS I-CAN ! SELF-SERVICE PROGRAM**

Santa Ana - The Orange County Superior Court today received one of the state's top honors for an innovative program to assist self-represented litigants. The Court, in partnership with the Legal Aid Society of Orange County, received the Judicial Council of California RALPH N. KLEPS Award for development of the Interactive Community Assistance Network (I-CAN). I-CAN is an easy to use interactive program that can be accessed by using a touch screen kiosk or Web interface.

"The program walks individuals through the process of filling out court forms such as child support payment documents, eviction orders or small claims forms," said Chief Executive Officer Alan Slater. "It's a great tool that can be used by victims of domestic violence to file a restraining order. The documents can be conveniently accessed and completed through the Internet from a shelter or anywhere," added Slater.

In addition to help with filling out basic forms, the I-CAN system also provides general legal information, referrals and a tour of the judicial system. Users are able to obtain immediate technical assistance from Legal Aid staff by using Internet phone technology that has been integrated into the system. Currently, the Orange County Superior Court has 13 modules that are available in English and Spanish, and 5 that offer instruction in Vietnamese.

Chief Justice Ronald M. George presented the award to the Court at the annual Judicial Administration Conference awards luncheon, held in San Francisco. The annual award, instituted in 1991, is given in recognition of innovative state court programs and is named for California's first Administrative Director of the Courts, Ralph N. Kleps.

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