

Application to Serve as Temporary Judge

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ORANGE

Please return completed Application:

By email to: TemporaryJudgeProgram@occourts.org

By mail to: Superior Court of California, County of Orange
Temporary Judge Coordinator - Judicial Assistance Group
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, California 92702

Name of Applicant: _____

1. Contact Information:

- a. Name: _____ b. California State Bar number: _____
- c. Employer: _____
- d. Business address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Mailing address (if different): _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
- e. E-mail: _____
- f. Telephone: _____
Daytime: _____ Cell: _____ Fax: _____ Evening: _____

2. Areas of Interest

- a. I am willing to serve as a court-appointed temporary judge in the following area(s):
- Civil Small Claims* Traffic Trials* Traffic Arraignments**
- Probate ** Family Law** Collaborative Courts**

* This assignment requires additional online substantive training courses

** This assignment require additional committee approval and 3 hours of live substantive training

- b. I am available to serve on the following days and times:

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Morning Afternoon Night Court All of the above

- c. I am willing to serve at the following court locations:

All Court Locations Lamoreaux Justice Center - Orange

Central Justice Center - Santa Ana North Justice Center - Fullerton

Harbor Justice Center - Newport Beach West Justice Center - Westminster

Your Name: _____

State Bar Number: _____

3. Professional and Personal Qualifications

- a. Date of admission to the State Bar of California: _____ Years of active membership: _____
b. I am also admitted to practice law in the states listed below:
State: _____ Date admitted: _____ Bar No: _____ Years of active membership: _____
c. I am also admitted to practice law in the following federal courts (identify the court(s) and the date(s) of admittance): _____
d. Are you in good standing in each state where you are licensed to practice law? Yes No
e. I am certified as a specialist by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization or by an organization whose certification program has been accredited by the State Bar of California.
Areas of specialization: _____
f. I am certified as a legal specialist by other states or organizations as follows (specify): _____
Areas of specialization: _____
g. Have you ever been disciplined by the State Bar of California or by a bar association or other professional licensing entity in any state or by a court of record, including being sanctioned or held in contempt? Yes No
h. Do you have any disciplinary action pending against you by the State Bar of California or by a bar association or other professional licensing agency in any state or by a court of record, including any proceeding for the imposition of sanctions or for contempt? Yes No
i. Have you ever been convicted of or pleaded no contest to a felony or misdemeanor? Yes No
j. Are you a defendant in any pending felony or misdemeanor proceeding? Yes No
k. Have you ever been a party to any legal proceeding? Yes No
(If you answered yes to questions 3g, h, i, j, or k, provide additional information in an attachment including jurisdiction, date, case number, and other relevant details.)

4. Practical Experience

- a. The principal portion of my law practice in California is in the following courts (specify state and federal courts, including trial and appellate courts, if applicable): _____
b. I currently practice in the following areas of law (list each subject area of law that occupies at least 10 percent of your time): _____

Your Name: _____

4. Practical Experience (continued)

c. Do you hold yourself out publicly as representing exclusively one side in any area of litigation practice? Yes (If yes, provide the following information): No

Area of Practice Side Represented

d. Do you represent one side in more than 90 percent of your cases in any area of litigation practice? Yes (If yes, provide the following information): No

Area of Practice Side Represented

5. Experience as a Temporary Judge

- a. Have you ever previously served as a temporary judge? Yes No
b. Have you ever been removed by a court as temporary judge? Yes No

6. Training

Describe any training that you have received in the last 3 years that qualifies you (under California Rules of Court, rules 2.812, 2.813, and 2.815) to serve as a court-appointed temporary judge, including the subjects, the dates, and the name of the court or other provider of the training: (If you are accepted into the program, additional training will be offered by the court.)

- a. Bench Demeanor (describe):
b. Ethics (describe):
c. Traffic (describe):
d. Settlement conferences (describe):
e. Small Claims (describe):
f. Other (describe):

Your Name: _____

7. Additional Information

Please respond to the following, if applicable:

- a. Are you a member of any club, organization, or association that by policy or practice prohibits or limits its membership on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, sexual orientation, disability, or national origin? Have you ever been? If so, identify the organization and provide details.

Continued in an attachment.

- b. The following facts concerning my background, situation, or circumstances may positively or negatively reflect on me or on my suitability for appointment and should be disclosed to the court.

Continued in an attachment.

- c. I ask the court to consider the following additional facts in support of my appointment:

Continued in an attachment.

8. Hypotheticals

- a. Please answer the following, limiting your response to the space provided:

You are a certified mediator and arbitrator who also volunteers as a Temporary Judge for Civil Settlement Conferences. While introducing yourself to the parties during a Mandatory Settlement Conference, you mention that in addition to serving as a Temporary Judge, you also work as a private mediator and/or arbitrator. The case does not settle in court. The next day, the parties call your office and ask if you are available to continue mediating the case and how much you charge. What should you say or do, and why?

Your Name: _____

8. Hypotheticals *(continued)*

b. Please answer the following, limiting your response to the space provided:

You are a private mediator and arbitrator who also volunteers as a Temporary Judge for Civil Settlement Conferences. On your website, you mention that you serve as a Temporary Judge. Is this proper? Why or why not?

c. Please answer the following, limiting your response to the space provided:

You are serving as a Temporary Judge for a very large traffic arraignment calendar. It is 11:45 and you still have a number of cases to call before noon at which time the court must recess for lunch. You call the next case and advise the defendant of the specific charges against her and ask how she pleads. Before entering a plea, the defendant wants to ask some questions regarding her options. She has a very strong accent that is difficult for you to understand, she continues to interrupt, and you realize you will never complete the calendar by noon if you have to take the time to answer her questions. What do you do, and why?

9. Contact Persons

It may be necessary to contact you regarding matters on which you have been involved as a temporary judge. Please list two individuals who will be able to locate you.

a. Name: _____

First

Last

Business address: _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Business telephone no.: (_____) _____ E-mail address: _____

b. Name: _____

First

Last

Business address: _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Business telephone no.: (_____) _____ E-mail address: _____

Your Name: _____

10. References

a. List two or more judicial officers who are familiar with your work:

b. List three personal references and provide their titles and phone numbers:

11. Acknowledgments

- a. I understand and acknowledge that the selection and appointment and removal of a temporary judge is solely at the discretion of the court for the purpose of assisting the public and does not constitute an employment relationship.
- b. I am aware of and will comply with all provisions of the Code of Judicial Ethics and the California Rules of Court concerning temporary judges and the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, Temporary Judge.
- c. I have read and will comply with all provisions of the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, Temporary Judge and Settlement Officers Policy.
- d. I understand that I cannot use the title of "Temporary Judge" or "Judge Pro Tem" to advance my pecuniary interest, which includes, but is not limited to, the following: use of the title in any attorney/firm advertising regardless of the medium (e.g., phone book, website, business card, letterhead Martindale-Hubbell directory, biography in retail publication, etc.); use of the title if questioned by law enforcement; or use of the title in political flyers and/or as a description of my current or former profession, vocation, or occupation on a ballot designation or in a ballot statement. I understand that misuse of the title will result in my removal from the panel and may be grounds for discipline with the State Bar of California.
- e. I agree to serve at least four times a year over the next three years.
- f. I understand as a temporary judge, I have a continuing duty to disclose to the court any material changes in fact or circumstances that affect my ability to serve as a temporary judge. I must disclose the changes to the court before the next time I am assigned to serve as a temporary judge.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing, including statements made in all attachments, is true and correct. I understand that any misstatement or omission of material fact may disqualify me from serving as a temporary judge in this court.

Date: _____

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF APPLICANT)

(SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT)

(This application is not complete unless the Waiver and Authorization for Release of Information on the next page is signed by the applicant.)

Your Name: _____

State Bar Number:

WAIVER AND AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I have applied to be appointed as a temporary judge in the Superior Court of California, County of Orange.

I hereby authorize the State Bar of California and the attorney-licensing authority in any other state where I am admitted to practice law to release to an authorized representative of the court information regarding the following matters:

(1) whether I am in good standing or am otherwise authorized to practice law as a member of the State Bar of California or as an attorney in any other state where I am admitted to practice law; (2) whether I have a record of discipline with the State Bar of California or with the licensing authority for attorneys in any other state where I am admitted to practice law; and (3) whether any disciplinary investigation or proceeding is pending against me by the State Bar of California or by the licensing authority for attorneys in any other state where I am admitted to practice law.

Date:

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF APPLICANT)

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(SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT)

(CALIFORNIA BAR NUMBER OF APPLICANT)