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Orange County Superior Court Programs Wins Top Awards

***Judicial Council Honors both the Electronic Legal File (ELF)
and the Orange County Combat Veterans Court for
Innovative Approaches to Serving the Public***

Santa Ana—The Judicial Council of California has selected the Superior Court of Orange County’s Electronic Legal File (ELF) and the Orange County Combat Veterans Court to receive the 2010–2011 Ralph N. Kleps Award for Improvement in Administration of the Courts. The Kleps Award is the highest award given to state courts each year by the Judicial Council, the policymaking body of state courts chaired by Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye.

Electronic Legal File is an easy-to-use system for accessing electronic documents that enables judges and court staff to work efficiently in a paperless environment and has saved more than \$4 million in labor costs and time. The OC Combat Veterans Court is the first program of its kind in California that offers therapeutic treatment instead of incarceration for combat veterans with substance abuse issue or combat-related disorders attributable to their military service.

“As the judicial branch faces unprecedented economic challenges, the spirit of innovation in our courts is essential and deserves to be applauded,” stated Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye and Administrative Director of the Courts William C. Vickrey. “It is through award-winning programs like these that the courts are streamlining the administration of justice and enhancing services for the communities that they serve.”

“The Orange County Superior Court is honored to receive two 2010-2011 Kleps awards recognizing the Electronic Legal File and OC Combat Veterans Court programs,” said Presiding Judge Thomas J. Borris. He added, “These programs are an example of the benefits derived from the Court’s continued effort to explore new methods to advance our court to better serve our community.”

The Superior Court of Orange County’s award will be presented July 20 at 10:00 a.m. at a gathering at the Central Justice Center, 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana.