



Superior Court of California
County of Orange

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**Superior Court of Orange County Receives National Award
For its “Packaging of Cases” Initiative**

Santa Ana – The 2009 Justice Achievement Award Honorable Mention was presented to the Superior Court of Orange County at the National Association of Court Management Conference, held July 9, in Boston Massachusetts. The Court received the nationally recognized award for its innovative Packaging of Cases program designed to resolve the problem of courthouse detention overcrowding.

“The Court has realized many added benefits with the Packaging of Cases program,” said Assistant Presiding Judge Thomas J. Borris. “In addition to reducing overcrowding in court detention facilities, there has been a decrease in hearing delays and costs, and a noticeable improvement in probation compliance through coordinated sentences,” added Judge Borris.

The concept of packaging of cases is to manage the person through the court process rather than the case. A defendant with multiple cases filed at different justice center throughout the county can be handled in a single proceeding at one location.

Established in 1988, the Justice Achievement Award recognizes outstanding achievement and meritorious projects that enhance the administration of justice. Some 30 courts from across the nation nominated their top programs to be considered for the award. The Superior Court of Orange County was one of two courts to receive the Justice Achievement Award Honorable Mention.