



# Superior Court of California County of Orange ***News Release***

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## **Orange County Superior Court Celebrates Juror Appreciation Week May 13-17**

**Santa Ana, CA** - The Orange County Superior Court will celebrate Juror Appreciation Week, May 13-17, to recognize the service and participation of jurors from our community.

Recognition for jurors during the second week in May was established by a special resolution passed by the California Legislature in 1998 to acknowledge the important contributions of citizens who devote their time and effort in “making the cherished right of trial by jury a reality.” Jurors in Orange County who report for jury service during the week of May 13-17 will receive a small memento from the court.

“The very existence of juries and jury trials provides all of us one of the basic guarantees of access to impartial justice spelled out in our Constitution, our right to a trial where one can be heard and judged by their peers,” said Presiding Judge Maria Hernandez. “In recognition of this valuable service, the judicial branch has worked to make jury duty less burdensome with one-day or one-trial service, plain-language jury instructions, and other improvements. We deeply appreciate the sacrifices and contributions jurors make to our justice system.”

If you are requested to appear in person during Jury Appreciation week, you can anticipate being greeted by court staff with a token of appreciation for your time, commitment, and support.

As a reminder, members of the public are randomly selected to serve as “call-in” prospective jurors. All prospective jurors are directed to call and listen to a prerecorded message starting on Friday after 5:00 p.m., to receive instructions on their service for the following business day. While some prospective jurors will be asked to continue to call for next-day morning reporting instructions after 5:00 p.m., others may be asked to call mid-day for possible afternoon reporting instructions regarding their service. The call-in requirement can last up to five business days.

For more information on jury service, visit [www.occourts.org](http://www.occourts.org) and click on “Jury Service,” or visit the [Jury Service section](#) of the California Courts website.

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