

## Superior Court of California County of Orange

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## Avoid Standing in Line Reserve a Court Date at the West Justice Center For Traffic and Minor Offense Cases

Westminster, CA – Beginning June 14, 2010, appointments for traffic or a minor offense court hearing at the West Justice Center can be reserved at least four days in advance of the requested hearing. Simply schedule an appointment online at the Superior Court Web site: <a href="https://www.occourts.org">www.occourts.org</a> or by phone at 877-872-2122.

"The new reservation system is convenient for the public, saving time and cost of commuting to the courthouse," said Supervising Judge Steven D. Bromberg. He added, "The court also benefits by reducing staff at the traffic clerk windows and improved courtroom operations."

Currently, individuals requesting to see a judicial officer regarding their traffic/minor offense citation must come to the court between the morning rush hours of 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. If there are many cases waiting to be heard, people remaining in line after the cutoff time at10:00 a.m. must return another day. The reservation system pilot program at the West Justice Center will help to resolve the morning rush problem.

Web access to the court date reservation system is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Once prompted, the system offers six court days and one night court session from which a court hearing date can be selected. To reserve a court date enter a citation number or an OC Pay Number, along with either a drivers' license number, vehicle license number or a date of birth.

If an email address is provided, the court will send a confirmation regarding the court hearing that displays the case information, date and time of the appearance and reservation number. Cancellations are accepted, online or in the clerk's office, with at least four days notice before the scheduled court hearing.

Most traffic citations do not require a personal appearance and can be handled by telephone, by mail, or at the court's website by paying or posting the bail amount and/or providing proof of correction.

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