



Chambers of  
**CLAUDIA SILBAR**  
JUDGE

# Superior Court of California County of Orange

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SANTA ANA, CA 92702

September 4, 2018

Dear Applicant:

On behalf of the Superior Court of California, County of Orange I want to thank you for your interest in serving as a Temporary Judge. The Court's Temporary Judge Program is crucial to the court in achieving its goal of providing the public fair and expedient justice in our county.

We are seeking a limited number of highly qualified attorneys to serve as Temporary Judges. Historically, the number of applications significantly exceeds the Court's needs and the Court's ability to effectively train and oversee its Temporary Judges. The Temporary Judge Committee will be selecting the Superior Court Temporary Judge panel for a three-year period, July 2019 – June 2022, based on the following qualifications and criteria:

#### **Minimum Qualifications:**

- Must have 10 years in practice (5-10 years in practice under extraordinary circumstances if approved by the Presiding Judge)
- Must be presently active in the practice of law
- Must agree to complete a daylong training session in late spring/early summer, lasting at least six hours, covering Ethics, Bench Demeanor, handling the Self-Represented Litigant, and Elimination of Bias. This training qualifies for MCLE credit. (A \$25.00 fee will be charged to defray the cost of training and an annual appreciation event.)
- Must agree to complete online or in-person training of at least 3 to 5 hours for each substantive area in which the Temporary Judge will preside
- For applicants interested in traffic arraignment assignments only – in addition to online training, must sit in on a traffic arraignment calendar and attend additional specialized training
- Must be willing to serve at least four times a year as a Temporary Judge for the next three years
- Must sign a written acknowledgement of receipt of the Temporary Judge Policy and promise to adhere to the Judicial Conduct guidelines, including not using the title of Temporary Judge for any personal gain. This includes the use of such title in advertisements, political advertisements and ballot statements
- If serving more than 30 days, must fill out a Form 700 Disclosure (Fair Political Practices Act Form)

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**Selection Criteria:**

- Number of years in practice of law
- Reputation in legal community (particularly among the Orange County bench)
- Prior experience and training in area in which the applicant is willing to serve
- Prior active and competent service as a Temporary Judge
- The responses to the hypothetical questions in the Temporary Judge application
- Recommendation(s) of Supervising Judge(s)
- State Bar record; no history of prior disciplinary action

The application deadline is December 31, 2018. Late applications will not be considered. Again, thank you for your interest in our Temporary Judge Program.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Claudia Silbar", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Hon. Claudia Silbar,  
Chair, Temporary Judge Committee