



Superior Court of California
County of Orange

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**Orange County Superior Court Seeks
Grand Jury Applicants**

Santa Ana, CA – The Superior Court urges you to consider applying to serve on the 2011-2012 Grand Jury. The number of applications received by the Court is significantly less than in previous years.

Serving on the Grand Jury gives you a unique opportunity to have a significant impact on the lives of Orange County residents. Grand Jurors review and evaluate county and city agencies, schools, and special districts within Orange County. Past reports have focused on timely issues such as the condition and management of Orange County jails, planning for statewide water shortages, and the child abuse index.

Grand Jurors make a difference by performing an oversight function into the operation of local government. They attend tours and briefings to increase their knowledge of the workings of county agencies to help them evaluate and assess potential problems in our county. A grand juror must be 18 years of age or older, a United States citizen, and an Orange County resident for at least one year. Before being nominated, each qualifying applicant is interviewed by a panel of Superior Court judges. The Orange County Sheriff's Department conducts background investigations of nominees.

The application is easy to complete using the fillable/savable/printable "smart form" on the Grand Jury website, <http://www.ocgrandjury.org>. Applications are also available at the Jury Commissioner's Office located in the Central Justice Center, 700 Civic Center Drive West in Santa Ana during regular business hours. Apply now as the deadline is quickly approaching. Applications must be received by the Court no later than January 21, 2011, at 4:00 p.m.

For more information, visit the Grand Jury website, <http://www.ocgrandjury.org> or call the Grand Jury Hotline, (714) 834-6747.