



Superior Court of California
County of Orange

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Grand Jury Application Deadline Extended to January 29, 2014

Santa Ana, CA – The Honorable Charles Margines, Assistant Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Orange County and Chair of Grand Jury Recruitment/Selection Committee, urges qualified Orange County residents to apply for Grand Jury service. Judge Margines said, “We have received far fewer applications than in the past 10 years for the 19 grand jurors, who are required by law to serve in Orange County. Because of the shortage of applicants, the Court has extended the application deadline to January 29, 2014, for the one-year term that begins July 1, 2014.”

The requirements to serve are:

- At least 18 years old
- United States citizen
- Resident of Orange County for at least one year
- Able to communicate adequately in English
- In possession of sound judgment and a sense of fairness

The Grand Jury performs civil oversight of local government by reviewing and evaluating county and city agencies, jails, schools, and special districts within Orange County and writes a final report with its findings and recommendations. The Grand Jury also considers evidence for possible indictment of individuals in felony cases and reviews complaints submitted by citizens.

Superior Court judges interview qualified applicants. Final selection of the Grand Jury panel from the top 25-30 applicants is accomplished by a random drawing of candidates who equally represent each of the five O.C. Supervisorial Districts, as required by law. Applicants are especially needed from the First Supervisorial District, which includes the cities of Santa Ana, Westminster, Garden Grove, and portions of Fountain Valley. Grand Jurors receive a stipend for each day of service as well as reimbursement for mileage.

The application and more information are available online at www.ocgrandjury.org, by calling the Grand Jury Hotline at (714) 834-6747, or in person at the Jury Commissioner’s Office, 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana.