



Superior Court of California
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**Orange County Superior Court Urgently Seeks
Applicants to Serve on the 2010-2011 Grand Jury**

Santa Ana, CA – If you would like to make a difference by performing an oversight function into the operation of county government, apply to serve on the 2010-2011 Orange County Grand Jury. The number of applications received is less than 50 percent of the 208 total applications submitted last year, and the January 8, 2010 application deadline is quickly approaching.

The work of the Grand Jury has a significant impact on the lives of Orange County residents. Grand Jurors review and evaluate government 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 health of the County's finances.

Grand jurors attend tours and briefings to increase their knowledge of the workings of various county agencies and to help them evaluate and assess potential problems in our county. Annual visits include the sheriff's forensics laboratory and jails, John Wayne Airport, Orange County harbors and beaches, and the San Onofre Nuclear Power Generating Station.

A grand juror must be 18 years of age or older, a United States citizen, and an Orange County resident for a least one year. Before being nominated, each qualifying applicant is interviewed by a panel of Superior Court judges. Background investigations are conducted by the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

Download an application from the Internet at www.ocgrandjury.org, or call the Grand Jury Hotline at (714) 834-6747. 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.