

Superior Court of California County of Orange *News Release*

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Orange County Trial Lawyers Association donates 1,000 protective face masks to the Superior Court

The Orange County Trial Lawyers Association (OCTLA) donated 1,000 protective face masks to the Orange County Superior Court, which will be provided to members of the general public entering courthouses during the pandemic.

As the Court forges forward with re-opening courthouses to the general public, this generous donation will provide critical support and access to justice for our county's residents that were not able to procure their own masks, but need to enter court facilities.

"On behalf of the Orange County Superior Court, I extend my sincere gratitude to the Orange County Trial Lawyers Association and its president Jonathan Dwork," said David Yamasaki, Court Executive Officer. "The donation of the masks comes at a very important time in our community, when we re-open our doors to those who have required our services since the outbreak of the pandemic."

The Court's closure has been lengthy, but necessary to help minimize the spread of the disease in environments such as courthouses, where large numbers of people gather. While the Court has been prepared to issue protective gear to those working in the courthouses, the large demand for equipment and the limited inventory at the Court's disposal would have not been enough to accommodate the needs of the general public as well. Thus, the donation of the masks comes at a very important time for our community.

For more information on our efforts and processes to re-open the Court please visit <u>https://www.occourts.org/media-relations/CoronaVirusUpdate.html</u>