



Superior Court of California County of Orange

Central Justice Center
700 Civic Center Drive West
P.O. Box 1994
Santa Ana, CA 92701-1138

Application to Serve as Temporary Judge

Please return completed Application:

By email to: TemporaryJudgeProgram@occourts.org

By mail to: Superior Court of California, County of Orange
Temporary Judge Coordinator - Judicial Assistance Group
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, California 92701

Name of Applicant: _____

1. Contact Information:

- a. Name: _____ b. California State Bar number: _____
- c. Employer: _____
- d. Business address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Mailing address (if different): _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
- e. E-mail: _____
- f. Telephone: _____
Daytime: _____ Cell: _____ Fax: _____ Evening: _____

2. Areas of Interest

a. I am willing to serve as a court-appointed temporary judge in the following area(s):

- Civil Small Claims* Traffic Trials* Traffic Arraignments**
- Probate Family Law** Collaborative Courts** Civil Harassments**
- Unlawful Detainer***

* This assignment requires additional online substantive training courses

** This assignment requires additional committee approval and 3 hours of live substantive training

***This assignment requires additional committee approval, experience on unlawful detainer actions, 3 hours of live substantive training, and applicant cannot represent one side in 90% or more of cases

Your Name: _____

State Bar Number: _____

- h. Do you have any disciplinary action pending against you by the State Bar of California or by a bar association or other professional licensing agency in any state or by a court of record, including any proceeding for the imposition of sanctions or for contempt? Yes No
- i. Have you ever been convicted of or pleaded no contest to a felony or misdemeanor? Yes No
- j. Are you a defendant in any pending felony or misdemeanor proceeding? Yes No
- k. Have you ever been a party to any legal proceeding? Yes No
(If you answered yes to questions 3g, h, i, j, or k, provide additional information in an attachment including jurisdiction, date, case number, and other relevant details.)

4. Practical Experience

- a. The principal portion of my law practice in California is in the following courts (*specify state and federal courts, including trial and appellate courts, if applicable*): _____

- b. I currently practice in the following areas of law (*list each subject area of law that occupies at least 10 percent of your time*):

4. Practical Experience (continued)

- c. Do you hold yourself out publicly as representing exclusively one side in any area of litigation practice?
 Yes (If yes, provide the following information): No
- | _____ Area of Practice | <u>Side Represented</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |

- d. Do you represent one side in more than 90 percent of your cases in any area of litigation practice?
 Yes No (If yes, provide the following information):
- | <u>Area of Practice</u> | <u>Side Represented</u> |
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| _____ | _____ |
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Your Name: _____

State Bar Number:

5. Experience as a Temporary Judge

- a. Have you ever previously served as a temporary judge? Yes No
(If yes, describe in an attachment your prior service, including the names of the courts and the locations where you served the approximate number and types of matters heard, and the approximate dates of service.)
- b. Have you ever been removed by a court as temporary judge? Yes No
(If yes, describe the circumstances in an attachment, including the court, the date you were removed, and the reasons for your removal.)

6. Training

Describe any training that you have received in the last 3 years that qualifies you (under California Rules of Court, rules 2.812, 2.813, and 2.815) to serve as a court-appointed temporary judge, including the subjects, the dates, and the name of the court or other provider of the training: (If you are accepted into the program, additional training will be offered by the court.)

- a. Bench Demeanor *(describe)*: _____

- b. Ethics *(describe)*: _____

- c. Traffic *(describe)*: _____

- d. Settlement conferences *(describe)*: _____

- e. Small Claims *(describe)*: _____

- f. Other *(describe)*: _____

7. Additional Information

Please respond to the following, if applicable:

- a. Are you a member of any club, organization, or association that by policy or practice prohibits or limits its membership on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, sexual orientation, disability, or national origin? Have you ever been? If so, identify the organization and provide details.

Continued in an attachment.

Your Name: _____

State Bar Number:

- b. The following facts concerning my background, situation, or circumstances may positively or negatively reflect on me or on my suitability for appointment and should be disclosed to the court.

Continued in an attachment.

- c. I ask the court to consider the following additional facts in support of my appointment:

Continued in an attachment.

8. Hypotheticals

- a. Please answer the following, limiting your response to the space provided:

You are a certified mediator and arbitrator who also volunteers as a Temporary Judge for Civil Settlement Conferences. While introducing yourself to the parties during a Mandatory Settlement Conference, you mention that in addition to serving as a Temporary Judge, you also work as a private mediator and/or arbitrator. The case does not settle in court. The next day, the parties call your office and ask if you are available to continue mediating the case and how much you charge. What should you say or do, and why?

Your Name: _____

State Bar Number: _____

8. **Hypotheticals** (continued)

b. Please answer the following, limiting your response to the space provided:

You are a private mediator and arbitrator who also volunteers as a Temporary Judge for Civil Settlement Conferences. On your website, you mention that you serve as a Temporary Judge. Is this proper? Why or why not?

c. Please answer the following, limiting your response to the space provided:

You are serving as a Temporary Judge for a very large traffic arraignment calendar. It is 11:45 and you still have a number of cases to call before noon at which time the court must recess for lunch. You call the next case and advise the defendant of the specific charges against her and ask how she pleads. Before entering a plea, the defendant wants to ask some questions regarding her options. She has a very strong accent that is difficult for you to understand, she continues to interrupt, and you realize you will never complete the calendar by noon if you have to take the time to answer her questions. What do you do, and why?

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d. I understand that I cannot use the title of "Temporary Judge" or "Judge Pro Tem" to advance my pecuniary interest, which includes, but is not limited to, the following: use of the title in any attorney/firm advertising regardless of the medium (e.g., phone book, website, business card, letterhead Martindale-Hubbell directory, biography in retail publication, etc.); use of the title if questioned by law enforcement; or use of the title in political flyers and/or as a description of my current or former profession, vocation, or occupation on a ballot designation or in a ballot statement. I understand that misuse of the title will result in my removal from the panel and may be grounds for discipline with the State Bar of California.

e. I agree to serve at least four times a year over the next three years.

f. I understand as a temporary judge, I have a continuing duty to disclose to the court any material changes in fact or circumstances that affect my ability to serve as a temporary judge. I must disclose the changes to the court before the next time I am assigned to serve as a temporary judge.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing, including statements made in all attachments, is true and correct. I understand that any misstatement or omission of material fact may disqualify me from serving as a temporary judge in this court.

Date: _____

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF APPLICANT)

(SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT)

(This application is not complete unless the Waiver and Authorization for Release of Information on the next page is signed by the applicant.)

Your Name: _____

State Bar Number:

WAIVER AND AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I have applied to be appointed as a temporary judge in the Superior Court of California, County of Orange.

I hereby authorize the State Bar of California and the attorney-licensing authority in any other state where I am admitted to practice law to release to an authorized representative of the court information regarding the following matters:

- (1) whether I am in good standing or am otherwise authorized to practice law as a member of the State Bar of California or as an attorney in any other state where I am admitted to practice law;
- (2) whether I have a record of discipline with the State Bar of California or with the licensing authority for attorneys in any other state where I am admitted to practice law; and
- (3) whether any disciplinary investigation or proceeding is pending against me by the State Bar of California or by the licensing authority for attorneys in any other state where I am admitted to practice law.

Date: _____



(TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF APPLICANT)

(SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT)

(CALIFORNIA BAR NUMBER OF APPLICANT)