



Superior Court of California County of Orange

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Dear Applicant:

On behalf of the Orange County Superior Court I thank you for your interest in the Temporary Judge Program. The Court's Temporary Judge Program is extremely instrumental to the Court in achieving its goal of providing the public fair and expedient justice in our county.

We are seeking a limited number of highly qualified attorneys to serve as Temporary Judges. The Temporary Judge Committee will be selecting the Temporary Judge panel for a three-year period, beginning fiscal year July 01, 2026 – June 30, 2029, based on the following qualifications and criteria:

Minimum Qualifications:

- Must be admitted to practice as a member of the State Bar of California for at least 10 years.
- Must agree to complete at least six hours of mandatory Judicial Ethics and Bench Conduct & Demeanor training in the spring of 2026. This training qualifies for MCLE credit.
- Must agree to complete online or in-person training of at least 3 to 5 hours for each substantive area in which the Temporary Judge will preside.
- For new applicants interested in handling civil unlawful detainers, civil harassment, civil small claims, traffic arraignments and trial– in addition to online or in-person training, applicants must observe a court calendar call and attend additional specialized training.
- Must be willing to serve at least four (4) times a year as a Temporary Judge for the next three years.
- Must sign a written acknowledgement of receipt of the Temporary Judge Policy and promise to adhere to the Judicial Conduct guidelines, including not using the title of Temporary Judge for any personal gain. This includes the use of such title in advertisements, political advertisements, campaign websites, and social media.
- If serving more than 30 days of 4 hours each day in a calendar year, must fill out a Form 700 Disclosure (Fair Political Practices Act Form).

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Selection Criteria:

- Years practicing law in California;
- Reputation in legal community (particularly among the Orange County bench);
- Prior experience and training in area in which applicant seeks to serve;
- Prior active and competent Temporary Judge service;
- Temporary Judge application hypothetical question responses;
- State Bar record; no history of disciplinary action.

The application deadline is December 31, 2025. Late applications will not be considered.

Again, thank you for your interest in our Temporary Judge Program.

Very truly yours,



RICHARD Y. LEE
Judge of the Superior Court
Chair, Temporary Judge Committee
Orange County Superior Court