



# Orange County Superior Court Media Advisory

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## Model "Paperless" Courtroom of the Future Opens in Santa Ana

### Event:

The Orange County Superior Court will inaugurate its new 36,000 sq. ft. five-courtroom Civil Complex Center with a mock trial to demonstrate its state-of-the-art electronics which have been installed in the courtrooms to reduce lengthy trials by as much as 20% and eliminate paper in the courtroom. Tours of the facility will be available and **California Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald M. George** will briefly address a reception of more than 200 lawyers, judges and court officials on "*Making Complex Litigation Simpler: Improving Access to Justice for Everyone*."

Features of the new courtrooms include centrally wired stations from which attorneys can present their entire case from information stored on CDs on their laptop computers. Monitors are distributed around the courtroom: at counsel tables, the judges bench and chambers and the witness box so all parties can view the information at the same time. When information is presented that should not be seen by the jury, judges can flip a kill switch from the bench to make the screens blank.

Special computer displays allow lawyers and witnesses to use a stylus to electronically draw on exhibits such as photographs and maps, and the changes can be saved and stored as new exhibits in the case.

Jurors can view evidence on wall-mounted video screens up to 10 ft wide.

### Date:

**Monday, August 6** (Program starts promptly at **11:30 a.m.**, cameras should be in place by **11:15 a.m** for Chief Justice George's remarks and mock trial demonstration.

### Location:

**Civil Complex Facility (corner of Flower and Santa Ana Boulevard)  
751 Santa Ana Boulevard  
Santa Ana, CA**

### Participants

California Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald M. George  
Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal Richard D. Aldrich  
O.C. Superior Court Presiding Judge C. Robert Jameson

