



Superior Court of California
County of Orange

NEWS RELEASE

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Grand Juror Applicants Needed for Orange County

All qualified citizens interested in serving on the 2004/2005 Orange County Grand Jury are encouraged to submit their applications to the Superior Court for consideration, announced the Hon. David T. McEachen, Chair of the Grand Jury Recruitment/Selection Committee. Applications will be accepted from October 1, 2003, until January 16, 2004. The 2004/2005 Grand Jury term will begin on July 1, 2004.

The 19 members of the Grand Jury serve for one year and are empowered to investigate the operations of government and provide civil oversight of county government department and agencies. They also consider evidence for possible indictment of persons for criminal felonies.

SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

- At least 18 years old
- U.S. citizenship and a resident of Orange County for a least one year
- Sufficiently fluent in written and spoken English
- May not serve on any other governmental board or commission during the term
- Can not be presently holding a public office or become personally active in any campaign of a candidate for elective office
- Prior to being nominated, each qualifying applicant is interviewed by a Superior Court judge and background investigations are conducted by the Orange County Sheriff.

Members on the Grand Jury will be selected by random drawing from those applicants nominated by the judges of the Superior Court

POSITION REQUIREMENTS

- Be available five days a week and some evening and weekend hours may be required.
- Requires a full-time commitment for a full year.
- Those employed should not apply unless they obtain leave from their employers for the duration of their term of service. Written confirmation from the employer must be submitted with each application.

BENEFITS

- \$50 a day for service
- Round-trip mileage
- Free parking

The official term of the Grand Jury is July 1, 2004, until June 30, 2005

An orientation program for all Grand Juror applicants will be held on Thursday, January 29, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Justice Center, Department C-1, 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana. The orientation program will be conducted by the Grand Jury Recruitment and Selection Committee and members of the current Grand Jury. **All applicants are required to attend this orientation program.**

Applications may be obtained in person at the Jury Commissioner's Office, First Floor, Room A100, Central Justice Center, 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The application and related information is also available on the Internet at: www.occourts.org/grndjry/ or by calling the Grand Jury Hotline at **(714) 834-6747**.

All applications completed and signed by the applicant under penalty of perjury must be received by the Jury Commissioner by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 16, 2004 .

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL **(714) 834-6747**

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