

# Superior Court of California County of Santa Clara



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## Judges Convene Friendly Competition for Students Across County

*Superior Court judges celebrate national Constitution Day with more than 3,200 5<sup>th</sup> grade students throughout Santa Clara County.*

SAN JOSE, Calif. (September 17, 2014): Today, thirty-two judicial officers from the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara (Court) are visiting more than 3,200 students at 40 schools from across the county in celebration of national Constitution Day, which marks the 227th anniversary of the Constitution's signing.

"Constitution Day gives us an opportunity to connect with students about this vital document that rules the laws of our land, but more importantly, it allows us to reach these students and show them that the judges who uphold the law are real people too," said Judge Julia Alloggiamento, Chair of the Court's Community Outreach and Planning Committee.

Federal law mandates that all publicly funded educational institutions provide educational programming on September 17<sup>th</sup> about the history of the American Constitution. Locally, judges will be meeting with more than 3,200 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at schools throughout the county. The judges will be presenting a grade-level appropriate presentation on the Constitution and then moderating a quiz game with prizes for the students.

"Our Bench is diverse, representing all aspects of our community. Ideally, we will inspire these students to take pride in jury service as adults or maybe even to become our future lawyers and judges," said the Hon. Julia Alloggiamento."

The Court thanks Sen. Dianne Feinstein, Sen. Barbara Boxer, Rep. Anna Eshoo, Rep. Zoe Lofgren and Rep. Mike Honda for supplying more than 600 hundred pocket Constitutions that are being distributed to students who participate in today's friendly quiz game.

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