

Superior Court of California County of Santa Clara

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TEMPORARY JUDGE PROGRAM

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Letter of Invitation

Dear Members of the Legal Community,

Our Court's Temporary Judge Program continues to be a cornerstone of our ability to deliver timely and efficient justice. Through this program, attorneys volunteer to preside over small claims and traffic hearings, facilitate the settlement of civil and family law disputes, and serve in other capacities at the discretion of the Presiding Judge. This volunteer service significantly enhances the Court's efficiency and allows us to better serve the residents of Santa Clara County.

This program has succeeded due to the dedicated involvement of qualified, experienced, and trained attorney volunteers. The Court invites additional interested attorneys who have been members of the California State Bar for at least ten years to submit an application and to participate in training programs in satisfaction of the requirements of the California Rules of Court. Training will be offered by the Court and by the Judicial Council of California. The training is free of charge and qualifies for MCLE credit.

Feedback from attorneys who have served as a temporary judge has been overwhelmingly positive. Many have shared how their service has deepened their understanding of the judiciary and the Court, enhanced their expertise in their own practice, and strengthened their connection to the community they serve.

If you wish to be appointed as a temporary judge in Santa Clara County, please submit a Temporary Judge Application form and Placement Questionnaire as found on the Court website at www.scscourt.org/TJP. Qualified attorneys who submit an application and complete the necessary training will be considered for appointment. Please note that service as a temporary judge is at the discretion of the Presiding Judge and neither appointment nor service as a temporary judge creates an employment relationship with the Court. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the TJP Administrator at tjp@scscourt.org or (408) 882-2721.

Thank you in advance for considering this important opportunity to make a meaningful impact on the administration of justice in our community.

With sincere regards,

Julie A. Emede
Presiding Judge