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The Superior Court Seeks Qualified Attorneys to Serve as Temporary Judges

*Educational trainings and MCLE credit are available
at no cost to attorneys interested in serving.*

SAN JOSÉ, Calif. (July 24, 2019): Presiding Judge Deborah A. Ryan is pleased to announce several updates to the Santa Clara Superior Court's Temporary Judge Program. The Temporary Judge Program is an integral component to some of the court's busiest venues. Qualified 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.

"The contributions that temporary judges make to Santa Clara County and the Superior Court cannot be underestimated. Without their help, it would be difficult to handle our caseloads in a timely manner," said Presiding Judge Ryan.

The Court invites interested attorneys to submit an application and participate in training programs which satisfy the requirements of the California Rules of Court. Attorneys who are not currently active with the Court's Temporary Judge Program and would like to be considered must complete the application process. Attorneys from all backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Applicants must have practiced for 10 years and must be in good standing of the State Bar of California.

The Court utilizes temporary judges in five divisions: Civil, Family, Probate, Small Claims, and Traffic. Civil, Family, and Probate assignments primarily focus on settlement conferences and helping to facilitate resolutions. In Small Claims and Traffic, hearings are held on the record and offer attorneys a more traditional "on the bench" experience. Temporary judges can request that their assignments align with their areas of expertise or a forum in which they feel most equipped to provide services.

- Bench Conduct and Demeanor training, required for all program participants, will be held:
Monday, August 12, 2019, from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM.
It is free to attend and attendees receive 3 hours of MCLE credit, with .50 credit for ethics and .50 credit for elimination of bias.
- Small claims and traffic skills training will be held:
Friday, September 13, 2019, from 1:15 PM to 4:30 PM.
This course is free to attend and MCLE credit approval is pending.

More information, including how to apply and register, can be found under the "General Info" tab on the [Court's Website](#).

Please contact **Britney Huelbig, Temporary Judge Administrator**, with questions about the Temporary Judge Program and how to apply. Ms. Huelbig can be contacted at tjp@scscourt.org.

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