

## WHY BECOME A TEMPORARY JUDGE



Temporary Judges provide an invaluable service to the Santa Clara County Superior Court and the populations it serves.

The Court seeks to maximize the potential for a diverse applicant pool. It encourages each and every eligible individual to apply to be a temporary judge.



Attorneys interested in serving as a temporary judge are encouraged to apply. Please visit the Court's website for more information.

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**Temporary  
Judge  
Program**



## WHAT IS THE TEMPORARY JUDGE PROGRAM?

The Temporary Judge Program utilizes eligible attorneys to serve as Judicial Officers at the Superior Court. A “court-appointed temporary judge” means an attorney who has satisfied the requirements for appointment under the California Rules of Court, Rule 2.810-2.819.

The purpose of a court appointment of attorneys as temporary judges is to assist the public by providing the court with a panel of trained, qualified, and experienced attorneys who may serve at the discretion of the court if the court needs judicial assistance.

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### COMMITMENT

We ask that each temporary judge sign up for at least one assignment per year and keep their educational requirements up-to-date.



## QUALIFICATIONS

- ✓ Complete the Court’s Temporary Judge Application;
- ✓ Complete the TJP Placement Questionnaire;
- ✓ Complete at least ten years of membership in the State Bar of California;
- ✓ Be in good standing with the State Bar of California, with no record of discipline and no pending disciplinary proceeding;
- ✓ Have no criminal record of pleading guilty or no contest to a felony or conviction of a felony not reversed on appeal;
- ✓ Submit two letters of recommendation from professional colleagues; and
- ✓ Complete all required training.

*An independent, impartial, and honorable judiciary is indispensable to justice in our society.*

## EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The presiding judge may appoint an attorney to serve as a temporary judge only if the following minimum training requirements are satisfied:

- ✓ Mandatory Bench Conduct and Demeanor (3 hours—in person) class
- ✓ Judicial Ethics (3 hours—online) class
- ✓ Substantive training
  - Small Claims (5 hours—online)
  - Traffic (3 hours—online)
  - Family (3 hours—online)

The required classes must be taken every three years to be eligible to serve as a temporary judge. The court may require that an attorney possess additional years of practical experience in each substantive area.

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### APPOINTMENT

Attorneys are appointed and serve as temporary judges solely at the discretion of the presiding judge.