

## WHY BECOME A TEMPORARY JUDGE



Temporary Judges provide an invaluable service to the Santa Clara County Superior Court and the population 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.

**Superior Court of California  
County of Santa Clara  
191 North First Street  
San José, CA 95113  
TJP@scscourt.org**

**[www.scscourt.org](http://www.scscourt.org)**  
**(click on Temporary Judge)**

Superior Court  
of California

County of  
Santa Clara

**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” is an attorney who has satisfied the requirements for appointment under the California Rules of Court, Rule 2.810-2.819.

The appointment of attorneys as temporary judges assists the public by providing the Court with a panel of trained, qualified, and experienced attorneys who may serve at the discretion of the court and provide judicial assistance.

---

### COMMITMENT

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



## 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 training requirements are satisfied:

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

The Court may require that an attorney possess additional years of practical experience in each substantive area. The Court intends that, for temporary judges serving in the civil, probate, and family divisions, the initial and continuing substantive training may be satisfied by the appropriate courses taken to fulfill the State Bar’s MCLE requirements.

---

### APPOINTMENT

Attorneys are appointed and serve as temporary judges solely at the discretion of the presiding judge. Temporary Judge status must be renewed every three years.