

# Superior Court of California County of Santa Clara



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## **Judges Bring Constitution to Life for Students across County**

*Santa Clara County Superior Court judges visit 39 schools and 3,200 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to celebrate national Constitution Day.*

SAN JOSE, Calif. (September 17, 2015): Today, thirty-two judicial officers from the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara are visiting more than 3,200 students at 39 schools from across the county in celebration of national Constitution Day, which marks the 228th anniversary of the Constitution's signing.

"One of the core values of our Court is civics education, and Constitution Day gives us an opportunity to inform the next generation of citizens about our Constitution," said Judge Julia Alloggiamento, Chair of the Court's Community Outreach and Planning Committee. "Perhaps even more importantly, it allows us to reach these students and show them that the judges who uphold the law are real people too, while giving them a fundamental understanding of our system of government."

Federal law mandates that all publicly funded educational institutions provide educational programming on September 17th about the history of the American Constitution. Locally, judges will be meeting with more than 3,200 5th 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.

"Ideally, we will inspire these students to take pride in jury service as adults while also educating our future citizens, lawyers and jurors, on the values and principals of this most important document," 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 300 hundred pocket Constitutions that are being distributed to students as prizes in today's friendly quiz game.

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