

# Superior Court of California County of Santa Clara



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## May 12 – 16: Juror Appreciation Week

*Court honors Santa Clara County jurors for their contribution to the pursuit of justice.*

SAN JOSE, California (May 9, 2014): the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara (Court) will celebrate Juror Appreciation Week from May 12 – 16, 2014. To honor Santa Clara County jurors for their invaluable service, the Court is providing coffee and pastries in the Jury Assembly Rooms, as well as distributing certificates of appreciation signed by the Presiding Judge Brian C. Walsh and Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye.

“Jurors serve our community and those who need access to justice,” said the Hon. Brian C. Walsh. “We’re all familiar with the groans from neighbors and friends when the jury summons arrives, but as a judge, it never ceases to amaze me the complete transformation in attitudes when jurors are sworn in to fulfill their civic duty. Their attentiveness to the details of the case and the earnestness in their attempt to arrive at a just verdict is a testament to values and character of the residents of this County. We in the court want each and every juror to know how much their participation and contribution to our American system of justice is appreciated.”

Celebrated by Superior Courts throughout California, the second full week in May was established in 1998 by the California Legislature to acknowledge the important contributions of citizens who devote their time in “making the cherished Right of trial by jury a reality.”

Annually, millions of Californians statewide participate in jury service:

- Approximately 9 million people are summoned to jury service;
- Over 3.5 million prospective jurors are eligible and available to serve; and
- Approximately 80 percent of prospective jurors complete service in one day.

For more information on jury service, contact Tamara L. Davis, Deputy Manager at 408-882-2721, and see [www.scscourt.org](http://www.scscourt.org), or visit the Jury Service section of the California Courts website.

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