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San Diego Superior Court Seeking Grand Jury Applicants

The San Diego Superior Court is actively seeking public minded residents from throughout the community to serve on the upcoming 2006-2007 Grand Jury:

- Selected Grand Jury members will have "watchdog" responsibilities including the examination of all aspects of county government, including special districts, to ensure the county is being governed honestly and efficiently and county monies are being handled appropriately. In addition, the Grand Jury is mandated by law to inquire into the conditions and management of public jails.
- The 19-member body will work full-time from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 at the Superior Court's Hall of Justice in San Diego. The stipend is \$25 per day plus mileage and free parking downtown.
- Applications are now available by telephone at 619-685-6667 or in person at the court's civil business offices downtown and at the North, South, and East County Regional Centers. They may also be downloaded from the court's web site at : http://www.sdcourt.ca.gov
- The court's Jury Services Manager must receive completed forms by January 13, 2006 to include them in the applicant pool. Superior Court judges will then nominate qualified candidates for the random drawing scheduled for June. The application drawing is sorted by the County's five supervisorial districts in an effort to give each district equal representation by population.

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Grand Jury Applicants must:

- Be U.S. citizens at least 18 years old;
- Possess good knowledge of the English language;
- Have lived in the county at least since July 1, 2005;
- Pass a criminal background check.

The Superior Court strongly encourages individuals from all socio-economic groups to apply.

