

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

INVITES ATTORNEYS TO APPLY

TO SERVE AS

TEMPORARY JUDGES

If you wish to serve as a temporary judge, please read this carefully.

The Superior Court of California, County of San Diego is adding attorneys to its pool of temporary judges. It encourages you to consider applying.

Temporary judges are used at the discretion of the Presiding Judge when the court needs judicial assistance that it cannot provide using its full-time judicial officers.¹

Temporary judges most often hear small claims and traffic matters. They may also preside over other types of cases, such as: civil settlements, family law, probate, and juvenile delinquency and dependency.²

To become a temporary judge you must have been admitted to practice as a member of the State Bar of California for at least ten years (or at least five years for an appointment with good cause).³

The conditions for appointment are found in Rule 2.812(b) of the California Rules of Court, and the education and training requirements are found in Rule 2.812(c). In addition, the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego has a

¹ Rule of Court 2.811(a)

² Rule of Court 2.812(c)(3)

³ Rule of Court 2.812(a)

more comprehensive list of training requirements which can be found at:

<http://www.sdcourt.ca.gov/pls/portal/docs/PAGE/SDCOURT/GENERALINFORMATION/FORMS/ADMINFORMS/ADM009.PDF>. The Court can provide considerable

assistance in obtaining the necessary education and training.⁴

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 regardless of his or her gender, race, ethnicity, disability, religion, sexual orientation, age or other protected class.⁵ Among the qualifications that the Court will consider in the selection process is an applicant's exposure to and experience with diverse populations and issues related to those populations.⁶

If you wish to apply, please contact the Temporary Judge Administrator at amber.scott@sdcourt.ca.gov or 619-450-7443.

⁴ Rule of Court 10.740-10.741.

⁵ Rule of Court 10.741.

⁶ Id.

TEMPORARY JUDGE PROGRAM TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

LINK FOR ALL ONLINE TRAINING: http://www2.courtinfo.ca.gov/cjer/pro_tem.htm

REQUIREMENTS EVERYONE MUST MEET EVERY THREE YEARS:

1. Review the online Fairness, Demeanor, and Self-Represented litigants materials
2. Attend a 3-hour in-person training session on Bench Conduct and Demeanor
3. Take the online course on Judicial Ethics for Temporary Judges

EXTRA REQUIREMENTS BY CALENDAR TYPE:

1. **For Small Claims calendars:**
 - Every 3 years, take relevant online training courses and review online benchguides
2. **For Traffic calendars:**
 - Every 3 years, take online training course and review online benchguides
3. **For Juvenile Dependency and Delinquency calendars:**
 - Have a minimum of 5 years practice experience handling juvenile dependency and/or delinquency cases (must have practice experience in requested case type)
 - Take online training courses and review online benchguides
4. **For Probate calendars:**
 - Attend the local in-person class on hearing probate calendars