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San Diego Superior Court Celebrates Juror Appreciation Week

More than 150,000 San Diegans report to jury duty each year. During the week of May 8th, the San Diego Superior Court will salute the men and women take the time to serve as jurors.

“The courts cannot function without jurors. Jurors keep the law close to the people and our Court is working hard to streamline jury service and make it a meaningful experience for those who serve,” says Presiding Judge Janis Sammartino.

One of the goals of Juror Appreciation Week is to get some “little known facts” out about Juror Services, such as:

- **80% of Percentage of Jurors Completed Jury Service in One Day**
- The Court gets names for the Jury Summons from the Department of Motor Vehicles records and Registrar of Voters records
- **7/24 Access** - The Court's Jury Services Office maintains a telephone line (up to 48 incoming lines) to assist jurors with questions regarding jury service. A computerized system assists jurors seven days a week, 24 hours a day. A court staff member is available from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Monday - Friday).
- **Court Transfer** - One can request transfer of jury service to a more convenient location. For example, if you live in the North County but receive notice to report the downtown courthouse, you can request that your jury service be transferred to North County.
- **One Day/One Trial** - Under California law, once a juror has appeared or has served through group management (see next point), the juror does not have to serve again for a period of 12 months. The Superior Court in San Diego goes a step further if a juror is actually sworn to serve on a trial, that juror does not have to serve again for 36 months.

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- **Group Management** – The Central and South County Court Divisions utilize group management for juries. Group management is a system where jurors call in to the court each evening for a week and only come in when the jury administrator is certain there are cases to which the jurors will be sent.
- **Free Transportation** - The Superior Court, in partnership with SANDAG, offers complimentary bus/trolley or coaster passes on the first day of jury service as a way to introduce jurors to public transit. The Jury summons has a section on the form where jurors can waive their mileage and receive bus/trolley or coaster tickets for the remainder of their jury service. (Coaster tickets are available only for service in the Downtown San Diego.)

To Qualify for Jury Duty a Person Must:

- Be a U.S. Citizen
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Currently live in the County of San Diego
- Never; have been convicted of a felony
- Never, have been convicted of malfeasance in office
- Have sufficient knowledge of the English language,
- Not be serving elsewhere as a Trial Juror or Grand Juror . Not be the subject of a conservatorship.

Juror Appreciation Week is part of the traditional recognition given to the role of law in society each spring.