

Application to Serve as Temporary Judge

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA

Please return completed Application to:

Contra Costa Superior Court Temporary Judge Program
P.O. Box 911, Martinez, CA 94553

1. Contact Information

Name: _____ California State Bar number:
Business address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
E-mail: _____
Telephones: Daytime: _____ Fax: _____ Cell: _____

2. Locations and Case Types (applicants will be required to take ALL trainings per location they wish to sit)

<input type="checkbox"/> MARTINEZ	<input type="checkbox"/> MARTINEZ (afternoon)	<input type="checkbox"/> PITTSBURG (morning)	<input type="checkbox"/> RICHMOND (afternoon)	<input type="checkbox"/> WALNUT CREEK (morning)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Judicial Demeanor• Ethics• Probate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Judicial Demeanor• Ethics• Civil Harassment• Small Claims• Unlawful Detainer• Online classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Judicial Demeanor• Ethics• Civil Harassment• Small Claims• Traffic• Unlawful Detainer• Online classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Judicial Demeanor• Ethics• Civil Harassment• Small Claims• Traffic• Unlawful Detainer• Online classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Judicial Demeanor• Ethics• Traffic• Online Traffic class

3. Professional and Personal Qualifications

- a. Date of admission to the State Bar of California: _____ Years of active membership: _____
- b. I am also admitted to practice law in the states listed below:
State: _____ Date admitted: _____ Bar No: _____ Years of active membership: _____
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- c. Are you in good standing in each state where you are licensed to practice law? Yes No
(If no, provide an explanation in Attachment 3c.)
- d. I am certified as a specialist by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization or by an organization whose certification program has been accredited by the State Bar of California.
Areas of specialization: _____
- e. I am certified as a legal specialist by other states or organizations as follows (specify): _____
Areas of specialization: _____
- f. Have you ever been disciplined by the State Bar of California or by a bar association or other professional licensing entity in any state or by a court of record, including being sanctioned or held in contempt? Yes No
- g. Do you have any disciplinary action pending against you by the State Bar of California or by a bar association or other professional licensing agency in any state or by a court of record, including any proceeding for the imposition of sanctions or for contempt? Yes No
- h. Have you ever been convicted or pleaded no contest to a felony or misdemeanor? Yes No
- i. Are you a defendant in any pending felony or misdemeanor proceeding? Yes No
- j. Have you ever been a party to any legal proceeding? Yes No
- k. Have you ever been a party to any legal proceeding in Contra Costa? Yes No
(If yes to questions 3f–k, provide additional information in an Attachment with the corresponding number.)

Name: _____

4. Practical Experience

a. The principal portion of my law practice in California is in the following courts (specify state and federal courts, including trial and appellate courts, if applicable): _____

b. I currently practice in the following areas of law (list each subject area of law that occupies at least 10 percent of your time): _____

c. Do you hold yourself out publicly as representing exclusively one side in any area of litigation practice?
 Yes No (If yes, provide the following information):

<u>Area of Practice</u>	<u>Side Represented</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

d. Do you represent one side in more than 90 percent of your cases in any area of litigation practice?
 Yes No (If yes, provide the following information):

<u>Area of Practice</u>	<u>Side Represented</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

5. Experience as a Temporary Judge

a. Have you ever previously served as a temporary judge? Yes No
(If yes, describe in Attachment 5a your prior service, including the names of the courts and the locations where you served, the approximate number and types of matters heard, and the approximate dates of service.)

b. Have you ever been removed by a court as temporary judge? Yes No
(If yes, describe the circumstances in Attachment 5b, including the court, the date you were removed, and the reasons for your removal.)

c. Have you ever represented that you are a Commissioner or temporary judge? Yes No

d. If your answer to 5c was anything other than an unqualified no, please provide additional detail, including when you made the representation, to whom you made it, and the context in which you made it.

6. Training

Describe any training you have received that qualifies you (per California Rules of Court, rules 2.810 et. seq. and local training requirements as listed at www.cc-courts.org/general/temporary-judge.aspx) to serve as a court-appointed temporary judge. Please state whether the training occurred in person or was delivered online, and include the subjects, the dates, and the name of the court or other provider of the training:

- a. Bench conduct (describe): _____
- b. Ethics (describe): _____
- c. Civil Harassment (describe): _____
- d. Probate (describe): _____
- e. Small claims (describe): _____
- f. Traffic (describe): _____
- g. Unlawful detainer (describe): _____
- h. Other (continue as needed on Attachment 6.)

State Bar Number: _____

Name: _____

7. Additional Information

Please respond to the following, if applicable:

- a. The following facts concerning my background, situation, or circumstances may positively or negatively reflect on me or on my suitability for appointment and should be disclosed to the court.

Continued in Attachment 7a.

- b. I ask the court to consider the following additional facts in support of my appointment:

Continued in Attachment 7b.

8. Contact Persons

It may be necessary to contact you regarding matters on which you have been involved as a temporary judge. Please list two individuals who will **always** know how to get hold of you.

- a. Name: _____

First Last

Business address: _____

Street City State Zip

Business Telephone no.: (_____) _____ E-mail address: _____

- b. Name: _____

First Last

Business address: _____

Street City State Zip

Business Telephone no.: (_____) _____ E-mail address: _____

9. References

List two or more judicial officers who are familiar with your work:

- 10. I understand and acknowledge that the selection and appointment of a temporary judge is solely at the discretion of the court for the purpose of assisting the public and does not constitute an employment relationship.

State Bar Number: _____

Name: _____

- 11. I understand that my acceptance for any panel is contingent upon my express acknowledgment that inclusion on any court panel does not ensure appointment in any proceeding, and that all appointments remain in the sole and complete discretion of the court. Further, I acknowledge that acceptance for a panel does not guarantee continued membership on that panel or any other. I am aware that the panels are periodically reviewed by the court, and that the court may add or remove members in its unfettered discretion. I understand and acknowledge that submission of this application indicates acceptance of these terms.
- 12. I am aware of and will comply with all provisions of the Code of Judicial Ethics and the California Rules of Court concerning temporary judges.
- 13. I promise and represent that I will never represent that I am a Commissioner or Judge of this Court, it being acknowledged by me that I am only a temporary judge serving at the sole discretion of the Court. Further, I will never represent that I am a temporary judge in a way that violates any portion of the Code of Judicial Ethics, California Rules of Professional Conduct, or any other applicable authority.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing, including statements made in all attachments, is true and correct. I understand that any misstatement or omission of material fact may disqualify me from serving as a temporary judge in this court.

Date: _____

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF APPLICANT)



(SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT)

WAIVER AND AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I have applied to be appointed as a temporary judge in the Superior Court of California, County of Contra Costa. I am representing that I am an active member in good standing for no less than 5 years.

I hereby authorize the State Bar of California and the attorney-licensing authority in any other state where I am admitted to practice law to release to an authorized representative of the court information regarding the following matters:

- (1) whether I am in good standing or am otherwise authorized to practice law as a member of the State Bar of California or as an attorney in any other state where I am admitted to practice law;
- (2) whether I have a record of discipline with the State Bar of California or with the licensing authority for attorneys in any other state where I am admitted to practice law;
- and (3) whether any disciplinary investigation or proceeding is pending against me by the State Bar of California or by the licensing authority for attorneys in any other state where I am admitted to practice law.

Date: _____

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF APPLICANT)



(SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT)

(CALIFORNIA BAR NUMBER OF APPLICANT)