
Application to Serve as Temporary Judge
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SAN BENITO

Below is a checklist which includes all items that must be submitted as part of an application to serve as a Superior Court of California, County of San Benito Temporary Judge. For more information about the conditions for appointment as a Temporary Judge see [CRC 2.812](#).

Application Checklist:

1. ☐ Completed application to serve as a Temporary Judge.
2. ☐ Has been admitted to practice as a member of the State Bar of California for at least 10 years before the appointment.
3. ☐ Is a member in good standing of the State Bar and has no disciplinary action pending.
4. ☐ Has not pled guilty or no contest to a felony, or has not been convicted of a felony that has not been reversed.
5. ☐ Certificate of Completion within the last three years of the Bench Conduct and Demeanor course.
6. ☐ Certificate of Completion within the last three years of the Judicial Ethics for Temporary Judges course.
7. ☐ Certificate(s) of Completion within the last three years of all required substantive training.
8. ☐ Proof of specialist certification by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization, if applicable.

Please email completed application and all required documentation to:

hr@sanbenitocourt.org

Or mail to:

Superior Court of California, County of San Benito
Attention: Human Resources / Temporary Judge
Program Administrator
450 First Street
Hollister, CA 95023

1. Contact Information

Name:

California State Bar number:

E-mail:

Telephone:

Business address:

Mailing address (if different):

2. Areas of Interest

a. I am willing to serve as a court-appointed temporary judge in the following types of cases:

☐ Civil ☐ Family ☐ Juvenile ☐ Probate ☐ Traffic

b. I am available to serve at the following times:

Time of Day: ☐ Morning ☐ Afternoon ☐ EveningDays: ☐ Monday ☐ Tuesday ☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday ☐ Saturday☐ Assignments on short notice☐ Other (describe):

c. I am willing to serve at the following court locations:

☐ Main Courthouse, 450 First Street, Hollister, CA 95023**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:

State:

Date admitted:

Bar No:

Years of active membership:

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:

4. Professional and Personal Qualifications *(continued)*

- 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
(If you answered yes to questions 4f, g, h, i, or j, provide additional information in an Attach Attachment.)

4. Practical Experience

- a. The principal portion of my law practice in California is in the following courts and locations (*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. I appear in the Superior of Court of San Benito County in the following departments and case types as often as (*specify how often you appear in each department and case type, in this court*):
- d. 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*):

Area of Practice:

Side Represented:

- e. 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*):

Area of Practice:

Side Represented:

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 a 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.)

6. Training

Describe any training that you have received that qualifies you (under California Rules of Court, rules 2.812-2.813) to serve as a court-appointed temporary judge, including 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 (*describe*):
- d. Family (*describe*):
- e. Juvenile (*describe*):
- f. Probate (*describe*):
- g. Traffic (*describe*):
- h. Other (*describe*):

☐ Continued on Attachment 6.

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 (include information concerning any circumstances or conditions that would adversely affect or limit your ability to serve as a temporary judge):

☐ 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 your whereabouts.

a. Name (*First and Last*):

Business address (*Street, City, State, and Zip*):

Business Telephone no.:

E-mail address:

b. Name (*First and Last*):

Business address (*Street, City, State, and 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.

11. 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.

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)

(This application is not complete unless the Waiver and Authorization for Release of Information on the next page is signed by the applicant.)

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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 San Benito 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)