



# Superior Court of California

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## **VENTURA SUPERIOR COURT CELEBRATES JUROR APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 9 - 13**

Ventura, Calif.—The Superior Court of Ventura County will celebrate Juror Appreciation Week, May 9–13, to recognize the service and participation of jurors from our community. Recognition for jurors during the second week in May was established by a special resolution passed by the California Legislature in 1998 to acknowledge the important contributions of citizens who devote their time and effort in making the cherished right of trial by jury a reality. Juror Appreciation Week is now an annual event in courts throughout the state.

Juror participation guarantees that everyone has the right to a trial where they can be heard and judged by their peers. In recognition of this valuable service, the judicial branch has worked to make jury duty less burdensome with one-day or one-trial service and plain-language jury instructions.

Ventura Superior Court deeply appreciates the sacrifices and contributions jurors make to our justice system. In celebration of Juror Appreciation Week, banners honoring jurors will be displayed throughout the courthouse, water and snacks will be available to serving jurors, as well as bookmarks displaying this year's theme, "Jury Service: A Duty and a Privilege," jury crossword puzzles, and a certificate of appreciation signed by the California Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye and Ventura Superior Court Presiding Judge Donald Coleman.

“Jurors are the unsung heroes of our Justice system. Without them we simply could not do our jobs. On behalf of all the Judges and employees of the Ventura County Superior Court we salute and thank the jurors for the sacrifices they make and their enormous contributions to our community,” said Presiding Judge Donald Coleman.

Ventura Superior Court recently was awarded grant funding from the Judicial Council to improve technology in Jury Services. The grant funds were allocated to new and upgraded technology which streamlined processes to allow jurors 24/7 access to their jury status online and on the phone to make changes, postponements and requests without having to speak with a clerk at the Jury office.

Annually, over 50,000 citizens of Ventura serve jury duty in person. Nationwide, approximately 9 million people are summoned to jury service; over 3.5 million prospective jurors are eligible and available to serve; and approximately 80 percent of prospective jurors complete service in one day.

California Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye was called and reported for jury service on March 23 of this year.

For more information on jury service, contact Nan Richardson, Court Program Manager at (805) 289-8663 and/or visit the Jury Service section of the California Courts website at [www.ventura.courts.ca.gov](http://www.ventura.courts.ca.gov).

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