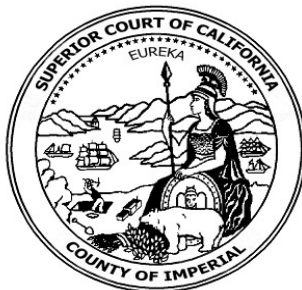


PRESS RELEASE



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF IMPERIAL

GRAND JURY APPLICANTS NEEDED FROM ALL AREAS

Sharp, analytical individuals who like to discover the facts are needed from all areas of the county to serve on the upcoming 2011-2012 Civil Grand Jury. The Grand Jury is a judicial body comprised of nineteen citizens. It is impaneled to act as an “arm of the court,” as authorized by the State Constitution, to be a voice of the people and conscience of the community.

The 19-member body will serve from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, as a collective body made up of committees who meet regularly on an average of three (3) hours per month. These bi-weekly meetings are held in the evenings. The stipend is \$15 per day plus mileage.

The primary duty of the Civil Grand Jury is to investigate areas of government to determine if there are ways it can function better, save money, reduce staffing, and generally examine the way government offices conduct business, particularly with respect to any evidence of malfeasance, misappropriation, or mismanagement.

Applications are now available by telephone at (760) 482-2256, (760) 482-2257 or may be picked up in person at the Court’s Jury Commissioner’s office located in the El Centro Courthouse and clerk’s offices in Calexico, Brawley, and Winterhaven Courts. They may also be downloaded from the Court’s web site at www.imperial.courts.ca.gov.

The Jury Commissioner Coordinator must receive completed applications by **April 15, 2011** to include them in the applicant pool. Superior Court judges will then nominate qualified candidates for the random drawing scheduled for **June 22, 2011 at 4:00 pm**. To the extent possible, the drawing is weighted by county supervisorial district to give each area equal representation by population.

Candidates must be U.S. citizens at least 18 years old with good knowledge of the English language. They must have lived in the county since July 1, 2010 and pass a criminal background check. Individuals from all socio-economic groups are encouraged to apply.

Your service as a Grand Juror is both rewarding and important to ensure local government is functioning effectively and efficiently. Your service makes a difference.

For further information, please call Jennifer Bolin, Court Supervisor, at (760) 482-2256.