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Court Asks Jurors to Judge the Court

San Mateo County Superior Court Presiding Judge George A. Miram and Judge Mark R. Forcum, the Chair of the Community Outreach Committee, announced today the launch of an online survey to gather feedback and suggestions from jurors for improvements. For the past four years, the court has made a number of improvements relating to jury duty, including, instituting the ability to request a six-month continuance, refurbishing the assembly rooms, adding computers with internet access, providing wireless internet access for juror's personal laptops, and implementing better case management to reduce the numbers of jurors called each day.

According to Judge Forcum, "the online survey allows jurors to provide constructive feedback to the court about their jury duty experience. As a court, we have always strived to make improvements in jury duty and we welcome comments and suggestions from jurors about their experience." The survey, continued Judge Miram, "is another example of how the Court is striving to make jury service better. We are aware that jury duty isn't always convenient and that people are busy, what we want to do is make improvements that will make the process easier." The survey is on the Court's website at www.sanmateocourt.org/jurysurvey

Judge Miram also announced that "Juror Appreciation Week" is being held in San Mateo County during the week of May 8 through May 12. Jurors called during this time will have coffee and cookies provided in the Jury Assembly Room. "It is just a small way to recognize the contribution of time that jurors give to the court and the community," Miram said.

