



**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
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**San Mateo Superior Court Celebrates Juror Appreciation**  
**Week May 9–13**

REDWOOD CITY, CA — The Superior Court of San Mateo 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.”

As part of the Court’s recognition of Juror Appreciation Week, Presiding Judge John L. Grandsaert or Assistant Presiding Judge Susan Etezadi will personally thank our jury panels for their participation and service. Each prospective juror will also receive a certificate of special recognition signed by Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, as well as small tokens of appreciation.

“The participation of our jurors insures that every member of our community has the right to a trial, where they can be heard and judged by their peers”, said Presiding Judge Grandsaert. “We deeply appreciate the sacrifices that our jurors must make in order to insure the fairness of our justice system.”

In recognition of their valuable service, the judicial branch has worked to make jury duty less burdensome to jurors with one-day or one-trial service, plain-language jury instructions, and other improvements. The San Mateo Court is exploring further improvements to the jury service experience, as funding allows, such as juror notification via text messaging and auto-check in when reporting for jury service.

Annually, millions of Californians statewide participate in jury service:

- 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.

Even 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 the San Mateo Superior Court Jury Division at 650-599-1700; go to the Court's website at [www.sanmateocourt.org/court\\_divisions/juror\\_services/](http://www.sanmateocourt.org/court_divisions/juror_services/); or visit the [Jury Service section](#) of the California Courts website.

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