

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MENDOCINO**



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Grand Juror Applicants Needed for Mendocino County

“All qualified citizens interested in serving on the 2012/2013 Mendocino County Grand Jury are invited to submit their applications to the Superior Court for consideration”, announced the Honorable John A. Behnke, Chair of the Grand Jury Recruitment/Selection Committee. Applications will be accepted until May 11, 2012. The 2012/2013 Grand Jury term will begin on June 29, 2012.

The 19 members of the Grand Jury serve for one year and are empowered to investigate the operations of county, city and district governments and to provide civil oversight of local government department and agencies and respond to citizen complaints.

A Grand Juror must be a United States citizen, 18 years or older, a resident of Mendocino County for at least one year, and sufficiently fluent in written and spoken English. A Grand Juror may not serve on any other governmental board or commission during the term and cannot be presently holding a public office or become personally active in any campaign of a candidate for elective office. Prior to being nominated, each qualifying applicant is interviewed by a Superior Court judge and background investigations are conducted by the Mendocino County Sheriff's Department. Since the Grand Jury sets its own agenda and the scheduling of meetings and because small committees perform much of the work, there is considerable flexibility in the work schedule and meeting locations. Training for Grand Jurors will be provided.

Service on the Civil Grand Jury is an excellent opportunity to learn about the inner workings of government, while providing a valuable service to the community.

Applications and related information are available and can be downloaded on the Internet at: www.mendocino.courts.ca.gov/grandjury. The application may also be obtained in person at the Superior Court, 100 North State Street, Rm. 303, Ukiah or by calling the Grand Jury at (707) 463-4320.

For further information, call Sally Nevarez at (707) 463-4662.