

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MARIN**



*Press Release
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**Marin County Superior Court
Solicits Applications for its Community Advisory Committee**

The Marin County Superior Court is soliciting applications from residents of Marin County to serve on the Court's Community Advisory Committee. The Committee was established by the Court in 2007 to assist in developing community outreach activities and in improving the Court's services for the purpose of promoting public understanding of and confidence in the administration of justice in our Court. In its inaugural term, the Committee studied and reported on the Court's Community Service Work Program – hours of service to non-profit agencies in lieu of paying fines. Among the projects under consideration for the Committee's next term are "A Citizen's Guide to the Court" and organizing an actual court trial for DUI in each of Marin's high schools.

The Court's first Community Advisory Committee will soon complete its two-year term of service. The Court is recruiting new members to be appointed for the next two-year term of service, beginning August, 2009. Professionally staffed and facilitated meetings of the Committee will be held at least quarterly. Fifteen community members will be randomly drawn from applications submitted to the Court. The random drawing of members will be on August 4, 2009 at the Marin County Civic Center, at 4:30 p.m. in Courtroom L. Applicants are welcome to attend the drawing but need not be present to be selected.

New members will receive a comprehensive orientation to the Court. Following the orientation, materials related to the Court's goals, programs, and services will be provided to committee members. Committee members will learn about court programs, services, and priorities and will develop and provide recommendations on how they may be improved to be more responsive to Marin County residents. As part of the Court's strategic planning process, the areas of inquiry available to the Community Advisory Committee will include:

- Increasing 'court to community' interactions
- Educational opportunities
- Access to the legal system
- Communications between the community and the court

Please submit your application no later than July 27, 2009. Applications should be sent to the Marin County Superior Court, 3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 116, San Rafael, California, 94903, ATTN: Community Advisory Committee. Legal professionals, members of the criminal justice community, parties involved in active or pending court cases, and others providing direct services to the Court will not be considered for this committee.

APPLICATION FOR THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Marin County Superior Court

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Please write a brief description of why you are interested in serving on the Community Advisory Committee:

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Thank you.