

# **SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SONOMA SMALL CLAIMS TEMPORARY JUDGE PROGRAM**

## **Applications are due by January 15, 2016**

The Sonoma County Superior Court relies upon qualified and experienced attorneys who volunteer their time to serve as Small Claims Judges. Typically, appointees serve one afternoon every three months for a term of three years. Volunteer Temporary Judges report a high degree of satisfaction with this opportunity to contribute to their community and fulfill the obligation to advance the cause of Justice in Sonoma County. Interested attorneys are encouraged to participate in this personally gratifying program.

Minimum qualifications to serve as a Small Claims Temporary Judge are:

(1) Admitted to practice law as a member of the State Bar of California for at least ten (10) years;

(2) Download and complete the **Temporary Judge Application** (Form CV-33 on the Court's website, <http://sonoma.courts.ca.gov/>);

(3) Complete the four hour in-person course on Bench Conduct & Demeanor.

This course is currently scheduled in Sonoma County for January 22<sup>nd</sup> or February 19th, 2016 and was last offered in 2013. To register, submit the completed Small Claims Temporary Judge Application to: Donald G. Lewin, Small Claims Administrator, 600 Administration Dr., Rm 107-J, Santa Rosa, CA 95403 no later than January 15, 2016.

This course may be available on different dates in other counties which may be taken in lieu of the course offered in Sonoma County, and

(4) Complete two On-line courses available on the web-site maintained by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) AOC Temporary Judge Resource page (info available from Temporary Judge Administrator after other requirements fulfilled):

- Judicial Ethics
- Small Claims Substantive Law.

### **Oath and Term of Office**

Upon qualification, an Oath of Office is administered for a three year term.