



**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**

**NEWS RELEASE**

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**TEMPORARY JUDGE PROGRAM RECRUITMENT EFFORTS UNDERWAY**

For the first time in years, the court is recruiting experienced lawyers willing to serve their community by hearing small claims and/or traffic infraction cases as a Temporary Judge at the Carol Miller Justice Center. You will have the opportunity to hear all kinds of civil matters, including construction defect, public entity claims and malpractice trials.

This program is very important to our justice system, as it provides the opportunity for parties to resolve disputes in small claims court using quick and simplified procedures. In 2021, the court had about 30 temporary judges, many of who served three to four times in a given month, contributing 1,268 volunteer hours and hearing an estimated 2,000 cases. They are not required to volunteer a set amount of their time. The experience is invaluable. The court provides training, the robe, courtroom and supportive staff. You, in return, assist members of the community who need to resolve civil disputes.

If you are interested in applying and learning more about the temporary judge program, please click on the following link: <https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/general/temporary-judge.aspx#description> .

We look forward to working with you on this very important endeavor.