

Temporary Judges

The Superior Court of Santa Cruz County will, from time-to-time, appoint temporary judges (officially called “judges pro tempore”) to hear certain case types when the court determines there is a need to use a temporary judge. Appointments of temporary judges for this purpose will be appointed in accord with California Rules of Court (Rules 2.810 – 2.819).

Serving as a temporary judge is an excellent opportunity for an attorney to acquire judicial experience while at the same time earning Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) credits. Any attorney interested in this opportunity should contact the Superior Court of Santa Cruz County’s *Calendar Coordinator*, Fidela Mercado, by phone at 831-420-2388 and/or by email address at Fidela.Mercado@santacruzcourt.org.

For more information about the appointment of temporary judges and the requirements for becoming a temporary judge, please review the following rules of court:

- [California Rule of Court 2.810](#)
- [California Rule of Court 2.812](#)

A copy of the court’s temporary judge application can be found in the *Related Links* section of the *Court Employment* web page. Please submit your completed application to the following address:

Court Services Coordinator
Superior Court of Santa Cruz County
Judge Chambers
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060