

Superior Court of California, County of Contra Costa

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PLAINTIFF / PETITIONER

VS.

DEFENDANT / RESPONDENT

NOTICE & STIPULATION FOR TEMPORARY JUDGE

(Cal. Const. Article VI, Section 21,
CRC 2.816b & c)

CASE NO.: _____

The parties listed above agree that the attorney listed below may serve as the Temporary Judge for this case.

(Plaintiff / Petitioner)

(Defendant / Respondent)

PRINT NAME

PRINT NAME

SIGNATURE

SIGNATURE

DATE

DATE

TEMPORARY JUDGE: _____

Questions regarding individuals appointed to serve as Temporary Judges
should be directed to the Temporary Judge Administrator.

What is a temporary judge?

A temporary judge is an attorney that the court has appointed to handle court cases on a certain day. Courts only appoint attorneys to serve as temporary judges when that person has shown they have the background, training, and experience needed to handle your type of case. In the Contra Costa Superior Court, these attorneys must:

- Understand the law that applies to your type of case;
- Have been active members of the State Bar of California (or be a retired judge or commissioner who meets the rule and training requirements for assigned judges);
- Meet all of the State Bar of California continuing legal education requirements;
- Not have any open State Bar of California disciplinary actions taken against them; and,
- Agree to follow certain rules in the Judicial Code of Ethics.

Why did the court appoint a temporary judge to hear my case?

Courts may need to have someone other than a judge or commissioner handle certain cases. Often, this happens if a judge or commissioner is away from the court, or is needed somewhere else for a special assignment. Other times, the court will appoint a temporary judge if there are not enough judges or commissioners available.

Why do I need to sign this form?

The California Rules of Court require courts to show that you know the person hearing your case is an attorney (not a judge or commissioner), and that you are willing to have that attorney serve as a temporary judge for your case.

What if I don't agree?

You do not have to agree to have your case heard by a temporary judge. If you want your case heard by a judge or commissioner instead, you must say so at the court hearing. Either the temporary judge or the court clerk will give you a new date (usually 2 to 4 weeks later) for your court hearing.