

# Superior Court of California County of Santa Clara

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## PRESS RELEASE

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The Honorable Richard J. Loftus, Jr., Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, has announced that the Court is seeking volunteers to serve on the 2012-2013 Civil Grand Jury. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older, United States citizens, and residents of Santa Clara County. The one-year term will begin on June 21, 2012.

The Civil Grand Jury, an arm of the Superior Court, is a part of the judicial branch of government. It serves as the county's civil watchdog agency and may examine all aspects of county and city government, special districts, and school districts. It is authorized to inspect and audit books, records, and financial expenditures, to ensure accountability of public funds. The Grand Jury may also inspect jails and juvenile detention facilities.

Grand Jury service offers citizens a unique opportunity to contribute to the efficiency of local government. It requires a time commitment of a minimum of 20-25 hours per week.

Persons interested in applying may contact Gloria Alicia Chacón at the Office of the Civil Grand Jury at 408-882-2722, or may visit the Court website at [www.scscourt.org](http://www.scscourt.org) (click on Civil Grand Jury) to obtain an application online.

**The deadline to submit applications is Friday, March 9, 2012.**