



Established in 1995, **DAY ON THE BENCH** is a program designed to give you and your staff an insider's look at a court in your district.

In a half-day visit and tour, **DAY ON THE BENCH** will provide:

- A behind-the-scenes look at court operations;
- Time to sit down with a judge and court staff to discuss court issues; and
- A first-hand appreciation of court challenges and successes.

MISSION OF DAY ON THE BENCH:

- Build effective working relationships between California's judiciary and Legislature;
- Effectively convey judicial branch issues through direct communications between judges, court leaders, and legislators; and
- Provide an opportunity for legislators and their staff to observe the magnitude, complexity, working conditions, and variety of responsibilities in the judicial branch.



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Although we will work with you to tailor your visit appropriately, your Day on the Bench might be scheduled as follows:

9:00 a.m.

Introductions in Judge's Chambers

9:30 a.m.

Tour of the Court Facility

10:00 a.m.

Courtroom Observation

11:00 a.m.

Lunch Debriefing Session

12:30 p.m.

Conclusion of Session

Informational Resources

California State Legislature: www.legislature.ca.gov

California State Senate: www.senate.ca.gov

California State Assembly: www.assembly.ca.gov

Overview of Legislative Process:

www.senate.ca.gov/legislativeprocess

Judicial Council Position Information

Information on legislation of interest to the judicial branch, the status of Judicial Council–sponsored legislation, and the council's position on current legislation is available online at

www.courts.ca.gov/policyadmin-oga.htm.

California Judges Association Position Information

Information on CJA's current legislative watch list and a list of CJA's positions on current legislation are available at www.caljudges.org. Look under the "Legislation" tab on the homepage. Website access is generally limited to current CJA members. For CJA membership and website information, please call 916-239-4068.

General Bill Information Resources

To find the most up-to-date bill information, go to leginfo.legislature.ca.gov, the official site for California legislative information. Here you can search for bill text by bill number, author, or subject area. You can also find bill histories (the dates of action, committee votes, and amendment dates), previous versions of the bill, committee analyses from the legislative committees (e.g., Senate Judiciary Committee analyses), and floor vote information.