



JEM

Jury Education & Management Forum Newsletter – July 2010

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Lupe Castaneda, Santa Clara

Hello, everybody! I hope everything is going well with all of you considering the budget situation that your court is experiencing. I know many of you are facing very challenging situations. Some Courts have had lay-offs and work furlough days. Since we all have similar issues and problems, being part of the JEM family can be very beneficial to you. The JEM Organization shares a lot of valuable information and knowledge.

I am happy to inform you that there will be a Fall JEM Conference this year. The 2009 JEM Fall Conference was cancelled because of the low number of members attending. The JEM Executive Committee is really excited about this year's conference. It is scheduled for Thursday, October 28 and Friday, October 29 in San Rafael. It will be hosted by Marin County. The JEM Executive Committee has decided to change the Fall Conference schedule to make it more convenient and cost effective for everyone. We are hopeful that we can still have a good turnout for the JEM 2010 Fall Conference despite the budget situation for many of the courts.

The new format will have the JSI User's Group and ACS User's Group meetings starting on Thursday, October 28, 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The Executive Board meeting will be held on Thursday evening. The conference will begin on Friday, October 29 with registration starting

at 7:30 a.m. The conference begins with welcoming and opening remarks from Marin County, AOC updates, round table discussion, training and a site visit to the Marin County Courthouse.

As a result of the tough economic and difficult budget situation throughout the state, we have temporarily suspended the Spring Conferences. So I hope you can attend the conference in October, because the next one probably won't be until October 2011.

I am half way into my term as this year's JEM President. The commitment is not time consuming like I thought it would be. We hold a conference call once a month to discuss pending issues. I get a lot of help from the JEM Executive Board. They are so supportive and always share good ideas. It's an honor working with so many knowledgeable and dedicated jury people. I have learned a lot from them. Being President of JEM will be one of the most memorable experiences that I will take away with me when I retire. The experience has been worth it. I recommend that all JEM members run for president. You should try sometime, you'll like it!

On behalf of the JEM Executive Committee we appreciate your support and everything you do for the JEM Organization. We hope to see all of you at the 2010 JEM Conference.



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Upcoming Event

- ◆ ***2010 Fall Conference
Marin County
October 28-29, 2010***

JEM Fall Conference Information

Questions regarding conference?

Contact Deborah Preston at (415)444-7316 or deborah_preston@marincourt.org

Questions regarding registration?

Contact Sabra Forbes at (707)561-7901 or SForbes@solano.courts.ca.gov

Dates to Remember

October 1, 2010 - Registration fee due for Fall Conference

September 30, 2010 – Hotel Registration deadline

JEM Stories

Jury Duty Excuse of the Day –

Judge: Is there any reason you could not serve as a juror on this case?

Juror: I don't want to be away from my job that long.

Judge: Can't they do without you at work?

Juror: Yes, but I don't want them to know it.

Hard Economic Times Hit Jury Box (click on the link below to read story)

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/CRIME/03/17/jury.duty.recession/index.html>

More JEM News

We are seeking JEM Officers for the elections to be held at the Fall Conference in Marin. We are accepting nominations for the following positions:

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Members at Large (3)

If you are interested or know of someone please contact Lynda Pierini at Lynda.Pierini@madera.courts.ca.gov or Lupe Castaneda at LCastaneda@scscourt.org



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JEM Executive Committee Members

2009-2010 Officers

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| Lynda Pierini, 2012 – small county | Madera | lynda.pierini@madera.courts.ca.gov |

Non-Elected position

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Nellie Jaime, San Bernardino

Newsletter Committee

Sherry Spears, Fresno
Joe Yniquez, Stanislaus

JEM Website Committee

Theda Kaelin, Orange

Nomination Committee

Lynda Pierini, Madera
Lupe Castaneda, Santa Clara

Legislative Committee

Membership Committee

Nellie Jaime, San Bernardino

Public Relations Committee (formerly known as JAW Committee)

Nellie Jaime, Chair, San Bernardino

JEM Directory

Lynda Pierini, Madera