



# JEM

## *Jury Education & Management Forum Newsletter – March 2011*

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### HOSTING THE 2010 JEM FALL CONFERENCE

By Deborah Preston, Marin

My court volunteered to host the Fall 2010 JEM conference a couple of years before, when I was new to Jury Services. Back then, it seemed as if 2010 was eons away and all of a sudden, here it was. Although Marin's kick-off meeting was in October 2009, things didn't start gathering steam until April or May. From then, it was a little bit of work each week or so, until a month before the conference when things really picked up.

I must say that overall I had a good time organizing the conference. I was able to shop for gifts and not have it affect my checkbook---I got to buy lots of candy (and try not to rip the bags open---bit of a challenge there) and party favors. And I was able to hobnob with many of you that I hadn't met previously. Not surprisingly, I received a lot of support from the JEM board, although I had envisioned needing to do everything myself. (Marin is a small-ish court and I didn't like the idea of relying on already-busy colleagues.) I was inexperienced at organizing events, and although I certainly didn't pull it off alone, it was a little boost to my self-confidence to know that I could be instrumental in producing one. (I am now ready to take on the next U2 tour.) The preparations took about the amount of time I had guessed, and everyone involved was a pro. Despite any worries I may have had, there were no crises. So, I would do it again---but I suppose all of you would like to try a new locale (are any Hawaii courts involved in JEM---hello?).

### EXPEDITED JURY TRIALS ACT

The Expedited Jury Trials Act was established by assembly bill no. 2284. The bill establishes procedures for conducting expedited jury trials in civil cases where the parties sign consent order stipulating to those procedures. An expedited jury trial differs from a regular jury trial in significant ways:

- Trial will be much shorter – each side has 3 hours to put on all witnesses, show evidence and argue their case
- Jury will be smaller – there will be 8 jurors instead of 12
- Selecting jury will be faster – each side is limited to 3 peremptory challenges
- Parties waive right to appeal – to keep costs down there are no appeals except in limited circumstances

The goal of the expedited jury trial process is to have shorter and less expensive trials. For more information regarding laws and rules about expedited jury trials refer to Code of Civil Procedure, Section 630.01–630.12 and California Rules of Court, Rule 3.1545-3.1552.

*What's happening in your court? Please submit jury news to [sspears@fresno.courts.ca.gov](mailto:sspears@fresno.courts.ca.gov) or [joe.yniquez@stanct.org](mailto:joe.yniquez@stanct.org)*



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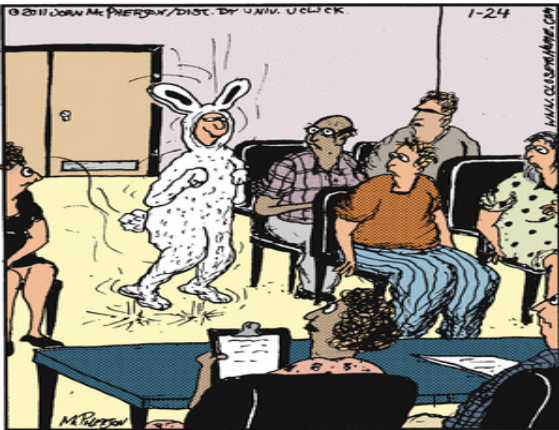


### **Upcoming Event**

- ◆ **2011 Fall Conference**  
**San Diego, October 27-28, 2011**

### *JEM Stories*

*Jury Duty Excuse of the Day (Close to Home by John McPherson)-*



Without uttering a word, Steve gets out of jury duty.



### ***JEM Tip – Did You Know?***

Have you ever had a question or thought about sending out a question to the JEM forum? Maybe someone already asked the same or similar question. You can now view survey results from questions previously sent out to the forum. When you reply to the entire forum the results will be collected and then posted on our website at [www.jemforum.org](http://www.jemforum.org) (select JEM Files). Hopefully, you will find the information useful.

### ***JEM News***

We are seeking to have a Member at Large (large county) appointed to the JEM Executive Committee. If interested, please contact Richard Goldner at [richard.goldner@ventura.courts.ca.gov](mailto:richard.goldner@ventura.courts.ca.gov).

***More JEM News (click a link below)***

[Chief Justice Blocks Juror Facebook Evidence](#)

[One Week – One Trial Jury Service Gets Thumbs Up](#)

[Man Gets Jail Time for Failure to Show for Jury Service](#)



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### *Mission of the Jury Education and Management Forum*

- Improve jury system operations through the exchange of ideas and information
- Provide continuing education and technical assistance to jury managers and support staff
- Support development of professional standards for jury administration
- To educate the public on the role and function of the jury system
- To provide technical assistance and information to jury managers
- To review legislation relating to the administration and management of the jury system

### **JEM Executive Committee Members**

#### **2010-2011 Officers**

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#### **Non-Elected position**

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### **Committees**

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Nellie Jaime, San Bernardino

#### **Newsletter Committee**

Sherry Spears, Fresno  
Joe Yniquez, Stanislaus

#### **JEM Website Committee**

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#### **Legislative Committee**

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#### **Public Relations Committee** (formerly known as JAW Committee)

Nellie Jaime, San Bernardino

#### **JEM Directory**

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