



# JEM

## *Jury Education & Management Forum Newsletter - September 2007*

[www.jemforum.org](http://www.jemforum.org)



It's not too late to register for the JEM Fall Conference 2007 which will be held October 17, 18 and 19 in Los Angeles, CA at the Renaissance Montura Hotel

visit their web site at

[www.renaissancelosangeles.com](http://www.renaissancelosangeles.com) and when making reservations enter the Internet group code **jurjura** to get the discount rate

JEM is getting a special rate of \$104.00 single/double rate. Be sure to mention JEM when making your reservation. **The reservation deadline is October 2, 2007.**

Agenda highlights include:

- ACS and JSI User Group Meetings
- ADA Workshop
- Disaster Preparedness Workshop
- The Dynamics of Diversity
- Administrative Office of the Courts Jury Updates
- Paula Hannaford-Agor of the National Center for State Courts with current trends in jury

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## Registration Information

The 2007 Fall Conference registration form, agenda and information about Los Angeles is available on the JEM website at [www.jemforum.org](http://www.jemforum.org).

### ***Nomination Committee***

Although nominations have been received it's not too late to submit additional names. The Nomination Committee is still accepting nominations for the following positions.

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Member-at-Large (two from a large county and one from a small county)

If you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else, or have questions about the officer responsibilities please contact a committee member.

### **Nomination Committee**



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### **NOMINEES**

And the nominees are.... (drum roll please!)   double click

**Vice President** – Joe Yniquez,  
Stanislaus County

**Secretary** – Christine Rexford,  
Sonoma County

**Treasurer** – Sabra Forbes, Solano  
County

#### **Members-At-Large**

##### ➤ **Large County**

Terri Brewton – San Diego County

Shana Simpson – Sacramento County

Evelyn Valle – Orange County

Christine Rexford – Sonoma County

##### ➤ **Small County**

**Cathi Vest** – San Luis Obispo County

Diane Collins, Mendocino County

**Christine Rexford** – Secretary Nominee and  
Member-at-Large Nominee (Large County)

Christy started with the courts in 1992 working for a private company (California Safety Institute) which takes care of those who request Traffic School. In 1994 she was hired in the Traffic Department as a Legal Processor I/II, promoted to Senior Legal Assistant to the Supervisor in Traffic in 1996, and in 2000 was promoted to Supervisor in the Jury Services Office.

Christy really enjoys working in Jury and over the years has had some challenging obstacles.

Her biggest challenge was getting the Jury IVR up and running. After many hours, days and months it was successfully put into production. Just recently, the courts went to their own phone system (ShoreTel™) and once again they were challenged with the IVR being compatible to the new system.

Christy has been a member of JEM since 2000 and has attended all the Fall Conferences and each time went away with a wealth of information to share with her staff. She looks forward to many more years working in Jury and being a JEM member.

### **Following are excerpts from each of the nominee's bios**

#### **Joe Yniquez** – Vice President Nominee

Joe has been serving as Deputy Jury Commissioner for Stanislaus Superior Court since 2003. He graduated from California State University, Stanislaus with a degree in Business Administration in 1994. He attended his first JEM Conference in October 2002 held in Orange County and has been a member ever since. Joe also participated in the AOC Model Summons Working Group. For the last couple of years he's assisted his court with Law Day activities for the community. He is married with 3 boys and enjoys golfing and being in the outdoors. Joe also volunteers his time with Boy Scouts as an assistant Scoutmaster. Joe would like to further get involved with JEM by serving as an officer in the capacity of Vice President.

#### **Sabra Forbes** - Treasurer

Sabra Forbes has been with the Solano Courts for 18 years. All her years of service have been in the Jury Office. She is currently the jury program manager & branch manager of their Vallejo facility. Sabra volunteered to assume the responsibility as JEM Treasurer in December 2006 after Ellen Scott had to resign. Sabra says that she finds the position very interesting and rewarding. She's a longtime member of JEM and has previously served as the secretary & member-at-large.

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#### **Terri Brewton – Member-at-Large Nominee (Large County)**

Terri Brewton is the Chief Deputy Jury Commissioner for San Diego Superior Court. She has been with the court for twenty years, the last 4 of which have been in Jury Services. Prior to her current assignment she was a courtroom clerk assigned to a criminal judge who handled mainly high profile murder cases. Her appreciation for jurors and what they do started in the courtroom, and her passion for providing the highest level of customer service has always been the priority of her work day.

Terry lives in Chula Vista, California with her husband and 14-year-old daughter. Terry graduated from college last December and is looking for ways to give back to those organizations that have provided her with invaluable support and JEM is at the top of her list.

#### **Shana Simpson – Member-at-Large Nominee (Large County)**

Shana has been with the Sacramento Superior Court for the past 17 years and has worked her way through the ranks. She has been Deputy Clerk, Electronic Recording Monitor, Lead Clerk Court Supervisor and was appointed recently by their CEO to act in the capacity of Jury Commissioner for the Sacramento Superior Court. She has almost five years supervising and managing the Jury Services Unit and successfully organized and hosted the 2007 Spring JEM Conference in Sacramento. Shana has exceptional organizational and leadership skills and has been an incredible asset to the Sacramento Superior Court and to JEM.

#### **Evelyn Valle – Member-at-Large Nominee (Large County)**

Evelyn started her career with the Orange County Superior Court in July 1979 as an extra-help employee. She soon became a full-time permanent employee with the Office of Jury Commissioner. She has been a supervisor for the last 22 years. She is responsible for staff at four justice centers. She has been a long-time participant of JEM. She enjoys her lengthy career with jury services and remembers going from a manual system to automating the jury office. She has worked on many projects such as the IVR, the first phase of the State Model jury summons, testing and implementing eJuror, and participating in the selection of new mailing vendors for our jury summons.

#### **Cathi Vest – Member-at-Large Nominee (Small County)**

Cathi Vest is the Deputy Jury Commissioner for the San Luis Obispo Superior Court; she has worked for the Jury Commissioner's office since 1990 and has been the supervisor of the department since 2001. She worked for the County Tax Collector for 5 years before transferring into the courts.

As manager of the department she has worked closely with their IT department to set up an IVR/IWR system. They have installed an imaging product, which scans copies of their jury summons as well. Cathi enjoys the challenge of working in this department.

Her court hosted the 2006 JEM Spring Site Workshop, which was an incredible experience, and she has been a member of JEM since 1990 and has served on the board as Member-at-Large and Secretary. The knowledge she has gained from the experience is invaluable and she has enjoyed it tremendously.



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#### **Diane Collins – Member-at-Large Nominee (Small County)**

Diane has been with the Ukiah County Superior Court for fifteen years in several different capacities. For the last ten years she's been in jury services. During that time she's been part of the process of going from a two-step system to the current one-step. That process also included getting computerized and all the complications that go along with that process. Her county holds jury trials at three different court locations. She is responsible for all locations.

Diane has been married for twenty-eight years and has two children and five grandchildren. They are her greatest accomplishment and number one priority in life.



On Wednesday, September the 12<sup>th</sup>, the USPS issued the Jury Duty stamp in a ceremony at the Manhattan State Supreme Court in

New York City. Mary Ann Gibbons, senior vice president, general counsel of the Postal Service co-hosted the ceremony with Chief Judge Judith Kaye of New York. Also present were celebrity jurors Mariah Carey, Bernadette Peters, Paulina Porizkova and Richard Thomas. Our own Tom Munsterman was there as well and gives an interesting report in the 9/14/07 NCSC publication of Jur-E Bulletin. Sign up to receive this electronic publication by clicking on the link below. [www.ncsconline.org/Newsletters/NCSC\\_newsletters.htm](http://www.ncsconline.org/Newsletters/NCSC_newsletters.htm)

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# Hope to see you all in Los Angeles!