



# JEM

## *Jury Education & Management Forum Newsletter – July 2007*

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### **Spring Site Education Forum**

The 2007 JEM Spring Conference was hosted by Sacramento Superior Court. It was held at the Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza in Sacramento located on the river front between historical Old Sacramento and the Downtown Plaza Mall.

The agenda included meeting facilitator Heidi Kolbe, of The Kolbe Company. Heidi covered: Customer Service, Helping Staff to Cope with Stress, and the Court's Code of Ethics in relation to jury management. Vangie Guajardo, lead worker for Sacramento Superior Court, Jury Services prepared and mailed out certificates to all of the conference attendees. Hopefully your court will accept these certificates and apply the hours toward your continued education requirements. If you have not received your certificate you can contact Vangie @ [guajarv@saccourt.com](mailto:guajarv@saccourt.com) or (916) 874-4928.

In attendance from the Administrative Office of the Courts were Tim Newman, Kevin O'Connell and Tracy Lubina, who provided informative updates on the Jury Data Report, and the introduction of a new 60-minute *Courts Illustrated* DVD. Will Carino from the California DMV provided a presentation on the VPN process. Before lunch the group received welcoming remarks from Sacramento Superior Court Executive Officer Dennis Jones. This year both ACS and JSI reps attended the spring conference holding user workshops in the afternoon.

A special thanks to Myron Kooiman of Multi-Business Systems for supplying the beautifully designed water bottles to all of the attendees. It was a great experience hosting and our court looks forward to hosting again in the future.

This is the time of year when nominations are solicited for JEM Officers for the elections to be held at the Fall Conference in Los Angeles. So don't be shy, get involved, you won't be sorry. We are accepting nominations for the following positions:

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Member-at-Large

If you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else, please contact any of the committee members.

### **Nomination Committee**

Lupe Castañeda – Santa Clara County  
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**Don't delay, submit your name today!**

*Is there something new, old or interesting happening in your court? Please submit jury news to Sherry Spears at*  
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**JEM Fall  
Conference  
October 17-  
19, 2007 in  
Los Angeles,  
California at  
the  
Renaissance  
Montura  
Hotel**

Hooray for Hollywood!! Grauman's Chinese Theater, Universal Studios, Getty Museum and Rodeo Drive - what more can you ask for in a conference locale? Whatever it is Los Angeles has it!

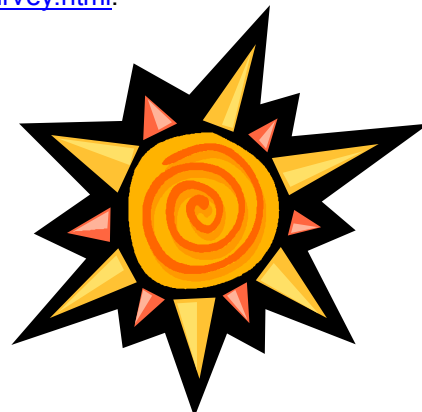
JEM celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> annual JEM Conference in Los Angeles this year. The last conference (Spring Educational Forum) held in Los Angeles was in 1990 – 17 years ago. So we are honored to be celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> JEM Conference in Los Angeles again. To commemorate this wonderful occasion, Los Angeles will be pulling out all the bells and whistles to make this one of the best conferences. Some of the agenda items include an ADA Workshop and a workshop on Disaster Preparedness (how to handle your jurors during a disaster). We also plan on preparing some wonderful after-hour activities.

The Conference will be held at the luxurious Renaissance Montura Hotel - just minutes from the Los Angeles International Airport. There is a free shuttle to and from the airport on the Ocean Blue bus. There is also a shuttle that goes to Manhattan Beach and various eating and shopping areas. **Hotel reservation deadline is October 2, 2007.** For more information about the conference, please contact Pebbla Wallace at [pwallace@lasuperiorcourt.org](mailto:pwallace@lasuperiorcourt.org) or at (213) 893-2240.

### ***State-of-the-States Survey of Jury Improvement Efforts***

In mid-June Paula Hannaford, Director for the Center of Jury Studies at the NCSC sent an e-mail announcing the release of the State-of-the-States Survey. The report is described as the most comprehensive description of state jury improvement efforts, local court jury operations, and in-court practices ever published. So, come on now all you jury geeks (as I am – jury geeks unite!) click the link below to check it out.

[http://www.ncsconline.org/D\\_Research/cjs/state-survey.html](http://www.ncsconline.org/D_Research/cjs/state-survey.html).





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#### ***Newly Elected Member-at-Large***

Late in 2006 the Executive Committee was notified that Neal Methvin retired and although we'd hoped he might remain as a member-at-large, can you really blame him for not wanting to? So – the Executive Committee members voted during the June conference call to fill the vacancy pursuant to the by-laws, and as a result, Theda Kaelin is now on the Executive Committee filling Neal's vacancy, which expires in 2008. Theda is from Orange County and was on the ballot last Fall. Theda has been employed with the Orange County Superior Court for 9 years, all of which have been with the Office of the Jury Commissioner. Theda has held the position of Office Specialist and Office Supervisor and was promoted to Staff Specialist in December of 2004 and supervises a staff of eight. She enjoys the diversity of the responsibilities of her position and enjoys working on special projects such as the jury online application and eJuror. Welcome Theda, we're so glad you were willing!

#### ***JEM Executive Committee Members***

##### **2006-2007 Officers**

President	Rose Hamblin	Kings	<a href="mailto:rhamblin@kings.courts.ca.gov">rhamblin@kings.courts.ca.gov</a>
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##### **Non-elected position**

Historian	Sonia Bustos	Los Angeles	<a href="mailto:sbustos@lasuperiorcourt.org">sbustos@lasuperiorcourt.org</a>
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