

ADMONISHMENT to JURORS

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I'd like to find out if any other jury offices are requiring pool jurors to sign a statement regarding the prohibition to discuss a case, access any news media or conduct research. A sample of what might be given is in bold text below. Could you please let me know if your court is currently doing or if you are considering? If not, I'd like to hear from you as well. I'll be happy to combine all the answers I receive and provide to anyone that is interested, just let me know if you are. Thank you!

You are ordered not to discuss this case with anyone; do not allow anyone to discuss the case with you. The only information you may tell anyone is that you are in a jury pool for a trial and the time requirements of that trial. You are also ordered not to read, listen to, or watch any news, Internet, or other media accounts of this case, past or present. You may not do research about any issues involved in the case. You may not blog, Tweet, or use the Internet to obtain or share information. (CCP §1209(a)(10))

1	Therese Phelps	Plumas Court does not
2	Diana Gifford-Tuggle	Shasta County does not; our judges issue the admonishment in the courtroom at each break and at the end of the day.
3	Peggy Yost	Ventura County is the same as Shasta
4	Debbie Jurevich	San Benito does not. San Benito does it the same as Shasta
5	Diana Collins	Mendocino County does not have them sign anything but the judges do include this admonishment when orienting the jurors in the courtroom
6	Esperanza Esparza	Del Norte County does not.
7	Joe Yniquez	Stanislaus doesn't require jurors to sign a statement prohibiting them from discussing a case but we give them an admonition at the end of orientation. I've attached a copy of the statement read to jurors.
8	Edwina Harper	Yolo County is the same as Shasta
9	Rose Hamblin	Kings County is the same as Shasta County
10	Tammy Boragnine	Amador County is the same as Shasta (oral admonishments only)
11	Carol Sharek	Tehama County is the same as Shasta County
12	Elizabeth Renteria	Contra Costa is the same as Shasta
13	Lynda Pierini	Madera does not require jurors to sign anything however the admonishment is read to jurors in our orientation to them. The judges will in their courtrooms address the admonishment to the jurors at any time jurors are leaving the courtroom for breaks, lunch or at the end of the day.
14	Margaret Sackrider-Wright	Alpine does not.
15	Lupe Guadalupe	Santa Clara County doesn't require jurors to sign a statement but we give them an admonition in our orientation. The judge does it in the courtroom as well.