

COURT SEAL on JURY SUMMONS

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I have a question....do your summons contain your court seal? If so, is this required by code? In Riverside, we do have our court seal on our summons but don't know the reason why or if it should or can be removed from the summons.

1	Sherry Spears	In Fresno, we just have the State seal, not our local one.
2	Staci Warner	Trinity is the same as Fresno
3	Alison Blackwell	<p>My reply is not intended to be a legal answer but here is some insight on the topic:</p> <p>The link below is to the "Model Juror Summons Project" page of the Judicial Council Website: http://www.courts.ca.gov/3929.htm</p> <p>AB1814, enacted in 2000, resulted in CCP 210.5:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The Judicial Council shall adopt a standardized jury summons for use, with appropriate modifications, around the state, that is understandable and has consumer appeal. The standardized jury summons shall include a specific reference to the rules for breast-feeding mothers. The use of the standardized jury summons shall be voluntary, unless otherwise prescribed by the rules of court.</p> <p>I can't find a requirement that the State seal be included on the summons; however, the "model" summons does show the CA State Seal as a sort of "watermark". (See link below.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/modelsummons.pdf</p> <p>For what it's worth, San Diego's summons does not show <i>any</i> seal; however, the State seal is on the outside of the envelopes used for mailing.</p>
4.	Robyn Hauck	Yuba County (as puny as we are) does NOT have the seal on the summons. Now I'm curious to know if we have to have it. Great question!!
5.	Keri Shane	In Eldorado, we do stamp our seal on the summons when we issue it. We also file stamp the original and keep it in our file. It is civil Code of Procedure that the seal be on there. Off the top of my head I can't thing of the number. But I do know that it is in the code. Let me know if another court doesn't shoot you an email with the code, and I will look it up.
6.	Keri Shane	I checked and all I can find is my civil manual that says to stamp the court seal. If you reference the CCTI manual (if you guys have access to it) it tells you right there to put the seal on it. Hope this helps you.
7	Kristin Greenaway	AOC – I have not found anything n the code or Rules that indicates that the state seal needs to be on the summons to make it official. I will ask someone from OGC to see if they know.
8	Arlene Cervantes	I was thinking of removing it...only because our seal is a watermark and is underneath some juror information, that makes it hard to read. However, I didn't want to remove it, if it decreased the weight of the summons? Does that make sense? No worries, about asking OGC, we will leave it on and may move the other information on the summons.
9	Kristi Kussman	In Imperial, I do not know if it is required. Our summons for Jury has the Court seal, but our court summons have the court seal as well, so logically I would expect that it is required. In the court summons we place it on there, but in the Jury it is printed on because we are the only ones issuing the documents.
10	Deb Preston	In Marin, we use our court seal on the summons. I haven't ever read in code that it's required.