

# JUROR ORIENTATION

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**I am interested in how much "verbal" information you provide to your jurors and how much information the judges give once jurors are in a courtroom.**

1	Alison Blackwell	<p>In San Diego, we also "call jurors into our jury assembly and do the juror orientation prior to assigning them to a trial. We have a script detailing a lot of information about jury service here in addition to the AOC "Ideals Made Real" DVD." Also, a judge "welcomes" the jurors during orientation. Thus, jurors hear information from the Deputy Jury Commissioner, the "welcoming" judge, and the trial judge. (Occasionally, the "welcoming" judge and the trial judge are the same person.)</p> <p>We have elected to make our orientation speech as brief as possible while informing jurors with nuts and bolts stuff; what they "need" to know. We go over the qualifications for jury service, read section 230(a) of the Labor Code, One Day/One Trial info, address government employees, how to fill out and then turn in their summons, instructions for wearing their badge, clocking in and out for their employer, and some general info about the facility (restrooms, etc). (We also time-qualify during orientation, if we have been asked to do so.) Further, we have standardized our script so regardless of which of our four branches a juror serves at, they hear the EXACT same information, aside from facility-specific info.</p> <p>As for judges, those who give the Judicial Welcome all have different styles and content but it's pretty general stuff: history of juries, the importance of their presence, etc. The trial judges' comments are usually far more case-specific, as opposed to the general information shared by the welcoming judge. I would speculate that knowing all jurors have already been "welcomed" by a judge; the trial judge is "freed up" from having to cover the general/warm fuzzy stuff.</p>
2	Sherry Spears	<p>Fresno we provide an orientation that covers the basic information jurors need to know (housekeeping, term of service, where to smoke, where NOT to smoke, juror pay, etc.) We show the Ideals Made Real Video, a local 4 minute DVD re: juror confidentiality and we have a judge or commissioner come down to welcome the jurors.</p>
3	Dolores Curiel	<p>Merced, we gather the potential jurors in our jury assembly room and do the juror orientation prior to assigning them to a trial. We have a short script detailing information about jury service such as reasons to be excused or disqualified, Labor Code 230, facility information, per diem and mileage rates etc. Most recently we obtained a copy of the AOC "Ideals Made Real" DVD and plan to play it after each orientation.</p>
4	Morgann Halencak	<p>Mariposa we read a short orientation script and then show the "Ideals Made Real" DVD. Following the orientation, the trial judge welcomes the jurors.</p>
5	Arlene Cervantes	<p>Riverside, we give another 15 minute detailed orientation (when applicable) to our jurors on top of the AOC video. Attached is our current script for our Western Region. We are also in the process of revising and merging some of the information so that we can be uniformed countywide. I'll find out how much information our judges, and get back to you.</p>
6	Pat Kilkenny	<p>We play the AOC video then do this short orientation. Our goal is to keep this as short as possible so we get the jurors moving to the courtroom as soon as we can.</p>

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8	Joe Yniquez	Stanislaus we cover certain areas of interest such as: Date/Groups/# of JT's/ # of courts, estimated length of time / Bar Code Section / Qualifying Statement / Explain 1-day 1-trial system / Jury Fees/Mileage / Work Certs / Name & address change / listening devices / bus passes / courtesy phones / facilities / smoking area / computers, cell phones, pagers / Admonition etc.