

The Superior Court of California

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE COURT

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February 28, 2012

Robert Amador
4335 Blackfoot Avenue
San Diego, CA 92117

Re: Request for Records

Dear Mr. Amador:

I am responding to your February 17, 2012 letter seeking information under the Public Records Act with respect to an individual who has served as a temporary judge in the San Diego Superior Court.

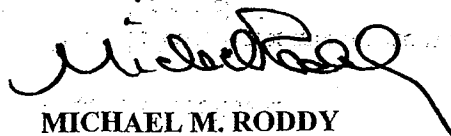
As a preliminary matter, please note that like all California courts, the San Diego Superior Court is governed by California Rules of Court, Rule 10.500, with respect to the disclosure of administrative records. The California Public Records Act is not directly applicable to the courts, although legal authority interpreting that Act may be applicable to issues arising under Rule 10.500 [see Rule 10.500(d)]. This response is made under Rule 10.500.

The court's responses to your specific requests are as follows:

- 1) Using the approved Judicial Council Judicial Needs Assessment case weights adopted in December 2011, a summary sheet related to this request is attached.
- 2) The court makes its best efforts to track the dates that temporary judges provide services. However, a temporary judge may have served on more dates than the court's records show. As a result, we can only estimate the number of days a temporary judge has served. The court's records show that the individual you seek information about acted as a temporary judge for the San Diego Superior Court on at least 23 days since January 1, 2005.
- 3) According to the court's records: none during the specified period.
- 4) According to the court's records: none during the specified period.
- 5) The court's records show that this temporary judge has served in the following capacities: hearing small claims cases, hearing traffic cases, and acting as a settlement officer in settlement conferences as part of the court's Civil Collections Mandatory Settlement Conference Program (limited cases).

Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



MICHAEL M. RODDY
Executive Officer

Attachment

ROBERT AMADOR FOR SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE 2012
4335 BLACKFOOT AVE
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92117
2/17/2012

Michael Roddy
Executive Officer, Jury Commissioner,
Clerk of the Court
220 West Broadway
San Diego, California 92101

Dear Mr. Roddy,

I am a candidate for Superior Court Judge in the 2012 election. Another candidate, Jim Miller, has made representations that "Only 30% of our courts are established for criminal cases." Additionally he states that he has experience as a Judge Pro Tem including presiding over jury trials.

Pursuant to the California Public Records Act, Government Code Section 6250 et seq. (the "Act), I request the following public records:

- 1) Records which reflect the percentage of San Diego Superior Courts which pursuant to State Judiciary guidelines should be apportioned to Criminal Courts, Family Court (and a breakdown of subtypes) and for Civil Courts.
- 2) The dates or number of times that James Parkeson Miller Jr. state bar # 188266 has acted as a "Judge Pro Tem" for the San Diego Superior Court since January 1, 2005.
- 3) The amount of pay, if any, that that James Parkeson Miller Jr. state bar # 188266 has received as a "Judge Pro Tem" for the San Diego Superior Court since January 1, 2005.
- 4) The number of jury trials that James Parkeson Miller Jr. state bar # 188266 has presided over as a "Judge Pro Tem" since January 1, 2005.
- 5) A description of the types of cases and job duties for Judge Pro Tem that James Parkeson Miller Jr. state bar # 188266 has been allowed to preside over since January 1, 2005.

The records described above are collectively referred to in this letter as the "requested Records." If the request as stated is unclear, please contact me to assist in clarifying the request and identifying records that contain the information sought by me, as required by Section 6253.1 of the Act.

Please make a determination on this request within 10 days of your receipt of it, or an even prompter reply if you can make that determination without having to review the records in question.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (619) 633-9133.

Sincerely,

Robert O. Amador

FY 08/09—10/11

Total Court

	COURTWISE Average Filings Per Year	Case Weights	Assessed Judgeship Need
Civil			
Motor Vehicle - Unlimited	2,281	142.0	4.2
Other PI/PD - Unlimited	1,795	246.0	5.7
Civil Complaints - Unlimited	11,362	170.0	25.0
Asbestos - Unlimited		628.0	0.0
Unlawful Detainer - Limited	16,909	11.0	2.4
Other Civil Limited	32,927	8.0	3.4
L. Court Appeals -	1,673	152.0	3.3
Small Claims	19,557	12.0	3.0
Subtotal:			47.0
Family/Probate/Juvenile			
Family Law - Dissolution/Separation/Nullity	14,769	100.0	19.1
Family Law - Other Petitions	22,873	46.0	13.6
Probate/Conservatorship/ Guardianship	3,260	106.0	4.5
Mental Health	531	144.0	1.0
Juvenile Delinquency	4,742	106.0	6.5
Juvenile Dependency	1,804	269.0	6.3
Subtotal:			50.9
Criminal			
Felony	17,259	177.0	39.5
Misd. Traffic	36,179	8.0	3.7
Misd. Nontraffic	31,135	29.0	11.7
Infractions	518,155	1.1	7.4
Subtotal:			62.2
Total Assessed Judgeship Need:			160.1
Authorized Judicial Positions (FY0809)*:			154.0
Assessed Need Minus Authorized Positions:			6.1

Note: Allocation by case type is used only to estimate total judicial need. Local practice and circumstances should determine the actual allocation by case type.



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1 message

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Fri, Feb 17, 2012 at 3:43 PM

To: mike.rodny@sdcourt.ca.gov

Mr. Roddy,

Please find attached per our conversation a Public Records Act request

If you have any questions please contact ne at 619 633-9133

Thank you

Robert O. Amador

Candidate for Superior Court Judge Seat 25



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