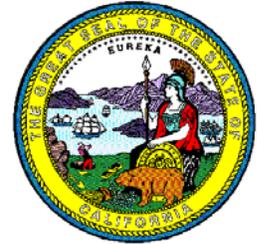




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## **Fresno County Grand Jury**

### **2008-2009 Fresno County Grand Jury**

The 2008-2009 Fresno County Grand Jury will release the last report of their term on Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Final Report #7 will be available in pdf format on the Fresno County Superior Court website at [www.fresnosuperiorcourt.org](http://www.fresnosuperiorcourt.org), click on "Jury" and then "Grand Jury"; the report will be listed by number, year and subject. In addition, a limited number of copies will be available in the Juror Services Department on the first floor of the Fresno County Courthouse located at 1100 Van Ness Avenue. The office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### **2009-2010 Fresno County Grand Jury**

On Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m., Presiding Judge, Hon. M. Bruce Smith will impanel the 2009-2010 Fresno County Grand Jury in Department 70 of the Fresno County Courthouse. Court Executive Officer/Clerk/Jury Commissioner Tamara Beard will draw the names at random to comprise the 19-member Grand Jury.

The Grand Jury serves as the civil watchdog for the County of Fresno. Its responsibilities include investigating complaints regarding county government and issuing reports when necessary.

Grand Jurors are nominated by Superior Court Judges, by Grand Jury Members or by self-nomination. By law, twenty-five to thirty prospective grand jurors are placed in the Grand Jury wheel for the random drawing.

Grand jurors typically spend 40-80 hours per month on grand jury business and serve one year. The Court may approve up to 10 "holdovers" to serve an additional year for a maximum term of two years. The term is fiscal, beginning July 1 and ending June 30.

Grand Jury Reports and information about the grand jury and how to apply are on the Court's website at [www.fresnosuperiorcourt.org](http://www.fresnosuperiorcourt.org)

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