

CGJA 2017 Grand Jury Survey

	Number/% Responses	
Number of responses	49	84%
Recruiting and Getting Started		
1. How does your superior court recruit volunteers to serve on the grand jury? (Check all that apply)		
Press releases	30	61%
Letters from court to pool of citizens	20	41%
Radio or TV spots	9	18%
Newspaper advertising	16	33%
Summons from court to pool of citizens	13	27%
Presentations to petit jury pool	9	18%
Assistance from CGJA chapter	16	34%
Meeting with clubs	5	10%
Letters to officials/editors	3	6%
Website	1	2%
Bill inserts	1	2%
Open house	1	2%
Nextdoor website	1	2%
Juror submission	1	2%
Referrals by current jurors	1	2%
Word of mouth	1	2%
None of the above	1	2%
2. How many alternates did your grand jury start out with?	<u>Median</u> 5	
3. How many alternates have been used so far this term?	<u>Median</u> 3.5	
4. Primary reasons for grand jurors leaving before the end of their term	Number	%
Health, death	30	61%
Workload/too busy	18	37%
Family issues	11	22%
Personal agenda	7	14%
Lack of understanding of commitment	6	12%
Poor attendance	4	8%
Failed background check	1	2%
Relocation	1	2%
5. How many holdover jurors were seated at the start of your term?	<u>Average</u> 3.3	
6. Does your grand jury have a local orientation (or local training) program?	<u>Yes</u> 33	<u>No</u> 16
7. If yes, what is the total number of hours for this program?	<u>Average</u> 16.2	

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8. If yes, do other local government officials speak to you during those sessions?		<u>Yes</u> 23	<u>No</u> 10
9. Does CGJA provide all of your regular training?		<u>Yes</u> 34	<u>No</u> 15
10. If not, who provides additional training?		Number	
Grand Jury		5	
County Counsel		4	
County/City Dept. Heads		3	
Court		3	
CGJA Chapter		2	
11. How many hours outside of CGJA training are spent on each of the following?:		Data inconclusive	
12. How frequently do members of your grand jury refer to the CGJA Training Manual over the course of your term?		<u>Freq.</u> 39%	<u>Infreq.</u> 35%
		<u>Never</u> 4%	
13. How often does your grand jury meet in plenary session? (per month)		<u>Average</u> 3.3	
14. How often do committees meet? (per month)		<u>Average</u> 4.1	
Support, Facilities, and Equipment			
15. Does your jury have full or part-time support staff?		<u>Yes</u> 21	<u>No</u> 28
16. If yes, state average hours per week		<u>Average</u> 27	
17. Does grand jury have dedicated meeting space available for panel and committee meetings?		<u>Yes</u> 40	<u>No</u> 9
18. If no, where does your jury meet		Various	
19. Does jury have adequate equipment?		<u>Yes</u> 38	<u>No</u> 11
20. If no, describe what you need		Various	
Legal Advisors			
21. Who is the jury's primary legal advisor?		Number	%
County counsel (or deputy)		39	80%
District attorney (or deputy)		10	20%
Presiding or supervising Judge		6	12%
Other (Specify)		1	2%
22. How frequently does the grand jury contact that advisor? (Per month)		<u>Average</u> 1.7	<u>As needed</u> 12
23. How frequently does the grand jury, or a committee, meet with the legal advisor? (Per month)		<u>Average</u> 1.1	
24. How often does the Foreperson or members of the jury meet with Judge? (Per month)		<u>Average</u> 0.5	
25. Is your grand jury used by the district attorney for criminal indictment proceedings?		<u>Yes</u> 3	<u>No</u> 38
			<u>Sometimes</u> 6

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CGJA Grand Jurors' Journal						
26. Has your grand jury been receiving the Journal on a regular basis?					<u>Yes</u> 42	<u>No</u> 7
27. Has your grand jury found the Journal to be valuable to you?					<u>Yes</u> 36	<u>No</u> 9
28. What suggestions do you have for its improvement?					Various	
CGJA Website (www.cgja.org)						
29. How often do members of your grand jury visit our website?		<u>Daily</u> 0%	<u>Weekly</u> 16%	<u>Monthly</u> 18%	<u>Infrequently</u> 55%	
30. Level of importance for the pages you visit under Jury Resources			<u>Very</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	
FAQs			27%	47%	8%	
California Codes			45%	35%	4%	
Local Government Info			6%	51%	18%	
Other Useful Links			10%	41%	16%	
Sample Documents			37%	27%	14%	
31. Please note other pages you visit				Number	%	
Grand Jury News Blog				12	24%	
Grand Jurors' Journal Archives				18	37%	
Grand Jury Achievement Report				11	22%	
Other				1	2%	
32. Have you used the website's search functions?					<u>Yes</u> 22	<u>No</u> 26
33. If yes, what were you looking for?					Various	
34. What improvement in our website would you suggest?					Various	
Grand Jury Procedures						
35. Does your jury have a procedure manual that was passed down?					<u>Yes</u> 45	<u>No</u> 3
36. Has your grand jury adopted any revisions to your procedures manual?					<u>Yes</u> 34	<u>No</u> 13
37. How often does your grand jury conduct exit interviews?			<u>Always</u> 41%	<u>Sometimes</u> 45%	<u>Never</u> 14%	
38. If no, why not?					Various	
39. Does your grand jury usually release individual reports as they are completed?					<u>Yes</u> 31	<u>No</u> 16
40. If no, why not?					Various	
41. How does your grand jury publish its consolidated end-of-term report? (Check all that apply)				Number	%	
Hard copy				43	88%	
Compact Disk/DVD				13	27%	
Post on website				40	82%	
Newspaper				26	53%	
42. Is there anything else your grand jury would like CGJA to know?					Various	