

Karen Jahr

I am running for re-election to the Board of Directors representing the northern region. I have served several times as a director and was the association's president from 2012 to 2014. I am also a director for the Shasta County Chapter of CGJA. I have been active in CGJA and my local chapter since 2008, when I retired from the position of Shasta County Counsel.

Most of my time with CGJA has been devoted to our training program. I am the lead legal trainer and the chair of the Curriculum Subcommittee. In the latter role, I oversee the annual updating of the training materials for CGJA's seminars and workshops, including the Legal Advisors' Workshop, which I developed and co-teach. I also chair the Legal and Legislative Resources Committee, which answers questions posed by courts and grand juries about the powers of grand juries and the association's best practice recommendations for grand jury operations. I was honored to have received CGJA's Angelo Rolando Service Award and Lifetime Achievement Award.

The training, online resources, and support provided by CGJA are essential to grand juries and their advisors throughout the state. I would like to continue being a part of this work at the board level, as well as with the training program. I would appreciate your vote.

Jon Tonsing

Why do I seek a position on the CGJA board of directors? Recently retired, I now have an increased opportunity to use my training, education, and experience to safeguard and further the best interests of CGJA in promoting, preserving, and supporting the California civil grand jury system.

I have been a member of CGJA since 2018. I served on the Yuba County grand jury from 2018-2020; in the last term I was foreperson. I have been a CGJA trainer since 2020. I serve on the Training Committee, the Trainer Subcommittee, the Curriculum Subcommittee, and the Legislative and Legal Resources Committee. I thoroughly enjoy my work as a trainer and on the identified committees.

I studied classics at Saint Mary's College of California, graduating in 1980. I also graduated from Hastings College of the Law (now University of California College of the Law, San Francisco) in 1983. I practiced law from then until my retirement in December 2024.

Raised in Burbank, I moved to the San Francisco Bay Area in 1976 to attend college. I lived in the Bay Area until 2016. At that point I moved to the Sierra foothills of Yuba County, where I live with my wife of 37 years, Anita.

CGJA is a well-run and well-respected entity only because of the wisdom, hard work, and dedication of its volunteers. It performs a critically important function for which there is no realistic backup. As such, good governance is essential. I aspire to be a part of that. Thank you for your consideration.