



Court Tour Program

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VENTURA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION COURT TOUR PROGRAM

OVERVIEW:

The Ventura County Bar Association (VCBA) docent Tour Program reaches approximately 5,000 students each year and conducts special tours for seniors, special groups and non-profit organizations. Extensive tours of the Ventura County Hall of Justice located in Ventura and the East County Courthouse located in Simi Valley provide an opportunity for visitors to:

- Observe an actual trial in progress
- Speak with judges, commissioners, attorneys or other court personnel on a one to one basis; and
- Participate in a mock trial

ABOUT THE TOUR:

The Docent Court Program offers tours at each of Ventura County's Courthouses. Tours at the Hall of Justice in Ventura are approximately 2-1/2 hours. They begin at 10:30 a.m. and end at 1 p.m. The East County Court House tour in Simi Valley takes 2 hours and begin at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 12:00 p.m. Docents explain the various wings of the buildings and personnel who staff each of the facilities. Participants learn about the Self-Help facilities and Jury Process after which they witness courtroom activity first hand before taking part in a mock trial and viewing a video on the Sheriff's Detention Center.

ABOUT VOLUNTEERING:

The Docent Court Tour Program provides individuals with the opportunity for volunteer community service by offering:

- Interaction on an individual basis with students and other visitors throughout Ventura County.
- An opportunity to promote a better understanding of the judicial system and its application in Ventura.
- The chance to make a difference in the life of a youth.

If you are interested in participating in a rewarding, educational and fun-filled experience, please contact Peggy Purnell at the Ventura County Bar Association at (805) 650-7599 x16.