

Public Questionnaire Regarding Contra Costa County Courts

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*Please use additional paper as needed, and submit only one Questionnaire per person.

1. You are a:

- Court employee
- Attorney
- Former Litigant
- Court Expert
- Current Litigant
- Concerned Citizen
- Other: _____

2. Do you believe that there are critical and pressing problems within the Contra Costa judiciary and court administration?

- There are many problems with it.
- There are some problems with it
- There are few problems with it
- There are no problems with it
- Not certain

On a scale of one to five, one being the lowest and five being the highest, how would you rate the Courts of Contra Costa County in the following categories?

1. Do you believe that Judges/Commissioners follow the law in cases that are before them?

- 1 2 3 4 5

Comments:

2. Do you believe that Judges/Commissioners treat people equally under the law?

- 1 2 3 4 5

Comments:

3. Do you believe that Judges/Commissioners treat people impartially under the law?

- 1 2 3 4 5

Comments:

4. Do you believe that the Contra Costa Courts do their work in an expeditious manner?

1 2 3 4 5

Comments: _____

5. Do you believe that people are treated with dignity and respect by judges/Commissioners and the courts staff?

1 2 3 4 5

Comments: _____

6. Do you think it would be wise to establish an independent Citizens Oversight Commission at the County level to help monitor and address complaints about the Contra Costa Courts?

Yes No

Comments: _____

Questionnaire Results:

We intend to tabulate, summarize and disseminate the results of this Questionnaire. While reported results will be fairly general: e.g. “62 respondents reported that they believed that there was problems with the court”, etc., we may also utilize quotes and comments from your Questionnaire to develop a more detailed follow up Questionnaire on the Contra Costa County Courts.

We do not intend to use specific identifying information or names of Questionnaire Respondents, unless respondent specifically provide that information and give us permission to do so.

Are you willing to reveal your identity to the public and/or the press (we will advise you in advance of such action; in case you wish to opt out)?

Yes No

If so, please provide us with the following:

Name (optional): _____

Case Number: _____

Contact information phone (optional): _____

Contact information email (optional): _____

Thank you for taking the time to complete this Questionnaire!

Email the survey to: info@cccjustice.org

Fax the survey to: 717-754-8178