



Superior Court of California, County of Alameda
Wiley W. Manuel Courthouse
661 Washington Street
Oakland, California 94607

Press Release

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**OAKLAND THERAPEUTIC DRUG COURT GRADUATES
HUNDREDS OF PARTICIPANTS THIS WEEK.**

Oakland, California: On Friday January 28, 2005, Superior Court Judges Gloria Rhynes and Jacqueline Taber are to preside over the annual Oakland Therapeutic Drug Court graduation, a celebration for recent graduates and successful participants. 212 successful participants are expected to participate in what may be the largest Drug Court graduation celebration in Alameda County history.

Oakland, Friday, January 28, 2005, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Over two hundred (200) Drug Court and Proposition 36 participants are invited to a celebration of their recovery efforts. The Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, is hosting this annual event in the Wiley W. Manuel Courthouse, Department 108, 661 Washington Street, 5th Floor, in downtown Oakland.

Judges in Alameda County have been pioneers in the national Drug Court movement, founding the first therapeutic Drug Court in the State of California and the second in the United States. The drug treatment Courts of Alameda County promote treatment and recovery and provide a constructive, cost-effective alternative to incarceration. Thousands of Alameda County residents have been supported in ending their substance abuse and associated criminal behavior since the first Drug Court was created in 1991.

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