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SAN MATEO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT RECEIVES AWARD

Presiding Judge Mark R. Forcum announced today that the San Mateo County Superior Court has received a statewide Judicial Council Ralph N. Kleps award for the courts innovative EZ-Legal File Service Bureau. The San Mateo County Superior Court created and continues to expand EZ Legal File. EZ Legal File, which can be found on the court's Website www.sanmateocourt.org allows citizens to complete and download Judicial Council court forms, using an interactive model.

The Kleps award is given annually to courts that create innovative and useful court programs. The Service Bureau was developed at the request of other courts that wanted to provide this same access to the residents of their counties. This program can be used for family law, small claims and unlawful detainer cases. Seventeen courts offer the program, which represents 34 percent of the California population. Seventeen more courts will have access to the program in early 2004.

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