

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
County of Marin



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**Marin County Superior Court Announces
“Court for Kids”**

The Marin Superior Court is pleased to announce “Court for Kids”, a series of web-based videos created by kids to help other children understand the Marin Superior Court. “Court for Kids” is the culmination of a two-year project by the Court’s Community Advisory Committee and twenty-two fifth graders from Bel Aire School in Tiburon, California. Their reasons for taking on this project in the students’ own words are:

“We wanted to really show kids the true meaning of court. Also, we wanted to help children, who might have to go to court for any reason, feel more comfortable. We hope kids learn that court is a fair place and that every decision that is made is for the good of each child.”

The Bel Aire 5th graders began by conducting an online survey of other students about what they already knew about court and what they wanted to know. From the survey results, a number of ideas emerged which eventually became the story lines for the five videos. Working with their teachers, members of the Community Advisory Committee, and court staff, the 5th graders researched, wrote, designed, filmed, voiced, and edited the five videos which comprise “Court for Kids”. The five videos are:

Getting to Know the Court
Under the Blue Roof
Who’s Who in the Courtroom
How Court Affects You and Me
The Truth About Courts

An introductory video features a cartoon-version of Frank Lloyd Wright, renowned architect and designer of the Marin Civic Center – who keeps popping up throughout the rest of the videos. The students also translated each video into Spanish and once again voiced the characters. An email address, Court4Kids@marincourt.org, has been created if anyone viewing the videos has any questions about the Marin Superior Court.

The English-language and Spanish-language versions of the videos are available on the Court’s home page – www.marincourt.org – under General Information, Court for Kids. The direct link for the English-language version is <http://www.marincourt.org/court4kids.htm> and for the Spanish-language version – http://www.marincourt.org/court4kids_sp.htm.