

**Join us for an Open House to unveil the new exhibit at the  
Contra Costa County History Center!**



The Contra Costa County Historical Society is hosting an Open House to unveil its new exhibit **Justice and Judges: The History of the Law in Contra Costa County**.

Invited guests will speak about the evolution of the County legal system, and share a few personal stories from the past. The exhibit is in honor of Judge Richard Arnason and features artifacts and court documents that belonged to him.

Following the unveiling and talks will be tours of the County archives.

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 21, 2016 Unveiling begins at 1:00pm

**WHERE:** Contra Costa County History Center  
724 Escobar Street, Martinez

**DETAILS:** Admission is free. Parking is free on Saturdays.  
Refreshments will be served. RSVP is requested.

**The History Center will be open extended hours on May 21 until 4:00pm.**

[Click here to RSVP - email to \*mkting@cocohistory.org\*](mailto:mkting@cocohistory.org)

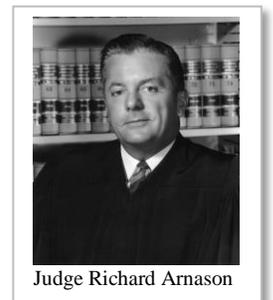
*Or call us at (925) 229-1042, Tues - Thurs 9:00am-4:00pm*

**About the Exhibit**

The Society recently received a substantial donation from the Contra Costa County Superior Court. The donation consists of artifacts and court documents that once belonged to Judge Richard Arnason, who passed away recently. Judge Arnason served as a Superior Court Judge for 49 years, longer than any judge in the history of the county.

He was also the judge in the Angela Davis trial, in 1972, arguably one of the most significant (for both legal and political reasons) cases of the latter 20th century.

The donation was received from Presiding Judge Barry Goode, who suggested that an exhibit honoring Judge Arnason would be welcomed. The Society's Executive Director also saw the potential for using the materials to educate the citizens of Contra Costa County, and thus, an exhibit was born.



Judge Richard Arnason

