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## Three Superior Courts of California Win 2008 Justice Achievement Award

### ***Courts in Butte, Glenn, and Tehama Counties Applauded***

San Francisco—The Superior Courts of Butte, Glenn, and Tehama counties have been presented the 2008 Justice Achievement Award for their Self-Help Assistance and Referral Program ([SHARP](#)), by the National Association for Court Management (NACM). The Justice Achievement Award recognizes exemplary court and individual performance in the improvement of judicial administration. Court representatives were recognized at NACM's annual conference, held in Anaheim on July 15, 2008.

SHARP offers procedural assistance in matters such as family law, general civil cases, guardianships, elder abuse and other matters by using videoconferencing technology and high-speed connections to provide court users in these rural areas with access to justice.

The Superior Courts of Butte, Glenn, and Tehama Counties were recognized previously by the Judicial Council with a 2004–2005 [Kleps Award](#) for the collaborative self-help program, which focuses on the needs of the residents of the three counties. SHARP self-help centers provide services to those who may not be able to afford an attorney and are effective because the courts are sharing resources. The Administrative Office of the Courts provided grant funding for the SHARP centers as part of a pilot program designed to test the effectiveness of providing [self-help services](#) in a regional basis.

The three courts are partners in providing assistance to self-represented litigants in the areas of small claims, unlawful detainer, eviction, fair housing, enforcement of judgments, domestic violence, name changes, and more. To learn more about SHARP at these California superior courts, visit the courts in [Butte](#), [Glenn](#), and [Tehama](#) Counties.

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