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Supreme Court to Hear Oral Argument on California's Marriage Laws on March 4

San Francisco—The California Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in six consolidated cases that address the constitutionality of California's marriage statutes from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Tuesday, March 4, 2008.

In these cases, the challengers contend that the current California marriage statutes are unconstitutional in limiting marriage to opposite-sex couples and denying same-sex couples access to the designation of marriage.

(*In re Marriage*, SF 14799.)

The oral argument session will be heard at the Supreme Court's Courtroom, Earl Warren Center, 350 McAllister St., San Francisco. Seating in the courtroom is extremely limited. Press seating is now full, but overflow seating is available.

To provide greater access to the public, the court has approved a live TV broadcast by California Channel, a public affairs cable network. For the local channel in your area, see www.calchannel.com/carriage.htm. A live webcast of the arguments will also be available on California Channel's Web site, www.calchannel.com.

In addition, San Francisco's public access channel, SFGTV (Channel 26), will broadcast the oral arguments live. This channel is available only in San Francisco.

Overflow Viewing Areas

The public and press may also view the oral arguments in three overflow viewing areas:

1. The Milton Marks Conference Center Auditorium, Hiram W. Johnson State Office Building (Lower Level), 455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco. Seating for 300 is available.
2. Hastings College of the Law Auditorium, First Floor, 198 McAllister Street (near Hyde), San Francisco. Seating for 300 is

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available for students and the public.

3. The San Francisco Library's James C. Hormel Gay and Lesbian Center will host a live broadcast of the oral arguments in the Koret Auditorium at the SF Library's Main Branch Lower Level. This event is open to the public and the auditorium seats up to 235 people.

Press Pool

A press pool for electronic media will be available next to California Channel's satellite truck, to be parked on McAllister Street, in front of the Earl Warren Building where the courtroom is located. No cameras will be permitted inside the courtroom, other than the designated still photographer, noted below.

Pool Photographer

Associated Press will be the pool photographer. For more information, call AP at 415-495-1192.

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