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Appeal Court Reaches Out to Students At Cal Poly State University

Ventura—The Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Six (Ventura), will host an educational program called “Judges on Judging” for undergraduate students at California Polytechnic University at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27, 2009, announced Presiding Justice Arthur Gilbert. The event will be held on campus in the Graphics Arts Building, Room 103.

The justices will discuss the decision-making process leading to a court opinion, among other topics, at a roundtable presentation featuring Presiding Justice Arthur J. Gilbert; Justices Kenneth R. Yegan, Paul H. Coffee and Steven Z. Perren; and Assistant Professor Ron Den Otter; of the Political Science Department at CalPoly.

Two published decisions from Division Six will be discussed: *Susan Phillips, et al. v. San Luis Obispo Co. Department of Animal Regulation, et al.* and *Co. of San Luis Obispo v. N. J., a minor, etc.* The first ruling involves the failure of a county government agency to notify pet owners before their pet was euthanized. The second ruling involves whether a victim of statutory rape can be held liable for child support.

The program will follow the Court of Appeal’s oral argument session from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, 1055 Monterey Street, San Luis Obispo. The session is open to judges, attorneys, and the public.

It is the 23rd year that Division Six has met in San Luis Obispo. “After 23 years of outreach, San Luis Obispo has been a second home to Division Six,” stated Presiding Justice Gilbert. The civil cases being argued originate from San Luis Obispo County.

The San Luis Obispo Bar Association will host a reception for the justices that evening.

Division Six also will hold oral argument in Santa Barbara from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 2009. The Santa Barbara Bar Association will host a reception following oral argument.

For more information on either May 27 or October 21 oral arguments, please call Paul McGill, Assistant Clerk/Administrator at 805-641-4711.