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## **Supreme Court to Provide Live Broadcast Of Oral Arguments in Furlough Cases**

### *Arguments Set for Wednesday, September 8, in San Francisco*

San Francisco – The California Supreme Court has approved a live TV broadcast of oral arguments from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 8, in a case involving the authority of the Governor to furlough state employees. The arguments will be part of the court's oral argument calendar session from September 7 to 8 in the Supreme Court Courtroom, Earl Warren Building, Fourth Floor, San Francisco.

Oral arguments also will be broadcast in a related case involving the Governor's veto power to reduce budget appropriations. The justices will hear that case from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon on the same day.

California Channel, a public affairs cable TV network, will provide the entire broadcast, which will be available on cable stations and on the California Channel website, [www.calchannel.com](http://www.calchannel.com), both as live and archived broadcasts.

The two cases to be televised are:

### ***Professional Engineers in California Government et al. v. Schwarzenegger, S183411***

This case presents the following issues: (1) On December 19, 2008, did the Governor have authority unilaterally to impose a mandatory two-day-a-month unpaid furlough for state employees by issuing an executive order? (2) Did the Legislature's enactment in February 2009 of the revised Budget Act of 2008 and the initial Budget Act of 2009 affect the validity of the Governor's executive order and/or the remedy that the employee organizations may be entitled to obtain in this proceeding?

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***St. John's Well Child and Family Center et al. v. Schwarzenegger, S181760***

This case presents the following issue: Does the Governor's constitutional line item veto power "to reduce or eliminate one or more items of appropriation" (Cal. Const., art. IV, § 10, subd. (e)) apply to provisions in a mid-year emergency bill that reduces appropriation amounts of a previously enacted budget bill?

The Supreme Court's complete September calendar is posted at <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/courts/calendars/documents/SSEPC10.PDF> .

The legal briefs in each case to be argued are posted at <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/courts/supreme/oralarg-0710.htm> .

**Access for News Media**

TV and radio stations may access the broadcast by satellite, courtesy of California Channel, or by pooling in the Supreme Court Press Room, adjacent to Clerk's Office on the first floor of the Earl Warren Building. In addition, overflow viewing will be provided in the auditorium of the Milton Marks Conference Center in the lower level of the Hiram W. Johnson State Office Building, 455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco. The satellite coordinates are this link:

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