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## Supreme Court Approves TV Broadcast Of Case Involving Women's Health Clinic

***Arguments Set Tomorrow, May 28, at 9 a.m.***

San Francisco—The California Supreme Court has approved a live television broadcast of oral arguments in *North Coast Women's Care Med. Group et al. v. Superior Court of San Diego County*, S142982.

The oral argument will be held from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, May 28, 2008, in the Supreme Court Courtroom, Earl Warren Center, Fourth Floor, 350 McAllister Street. An overflow viewing auditorium will be available in the Milton Moscone Conference Center, 455 Golden Gate Avenue, Lower Level, San Francisco.

The broadcast will be made possible by California Channel, a public affairs cable network with 5.6 million viewers statewide which will offer satellite coverage for other networks and TV stations. A live Webcast of the oral arguments will be available on California Channel's Web site:

[www.calchannel.com](http://www.calchannel.com).

The case involves various legal issues, including the following:

*North Coast Women's Care Med. Group et al. v. Superior Court of San Diego County (Guadalupe T. Benitez, Real Party in Interest)*, S142892. Petition for review after the Court of Appeal granted a petition for peremptory writ of mandate. This case includes the following issue: Does a physician have a constitutional right to refuse on religious grounds to perform a medical procedure for a patient because of the patient's sexual orientation, or do the provisions of the Unruh Act (Civ. Code, § 51) preclude such discrimination in the provision of services notwithstanding the physician's religious beliefs?

The case is one of several to be argued before the Supreme Court tomorrow, but is the only case to be broadcast. The calendar is at: <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/courts/calendars/documents/SMAY27C.DOC>.