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Court of Appeal Holds Special Session at Contra Costa County High School

San Francisco—Several hundred high school students from Contra Costa County will hear oral arguments before the Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, Division Five, at 9 a.m. on October 22, 2009, Presiding Justice Barbara J.R. Jones announced today.

The public is invited to attend the special session, to be held at Deer Valley High School, 4700 Lone Tree Way, Antioch.

The school visit is designed to introduce students to the appellate court system. Case summaries, prepared by attorneys from the Contra Costa Bar Association, will be distributed before oral argument.

As part of the educational experience, the justices will attend a breakfast with students before the 9 a.m. hearing. After argument, bar association attorneys will discuss the proceedings with the students and answer questions.

The special session is being held in conjunction with the opening of the high school's law academy. The program arrangements are a collaborative effort of Presiding Justice Barbara Jones, Associate Justice Mark B. Simons, Associate Justice Henry Needham, and Associate Justice Terence Bruiniers.

The court also acknowledges the efforts of Dan Mahoney, principal of the law academy; the two high school co-principals, Scott Bergerhouse and Clarence Isadore; attorney Gary Watt, who organized the team of lawyers who explained the cases to students; and Lisa Reep, executive director of the Contra Costa Bar Association.

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CASES TO BE ARGUED

People v. Tabron, A121409. This appeal is from a trial court denial of a motion to suppress a firearm.

In re Kellie M., A120508. This appeal is from a juvenile court order following a contested jurisdictional hearing in which appellant argues there was insufficient evidence she was lawfully detained or arrested at the time she provided a false name to officers.

The First Appellate District ordinarily holds oral argument in its courtroom in the Earl Warren State Building, 350 McAllister Street, in San Francisco. The court also conducts an outreach program involving middle school students who are invited to visit court sessions in San Francisco.

The First Appellate District is one of six state courts of appeal, which are the intermediate courts of review in California. For more information about the Courts of Appeal and the state judicial branch, please see:

www.courtinfo.ca.gov/reference/documents/factsheets/Calif_Judicial_Branch.pdf.

For more information, call Diana Herbert, Clerk/Administrator of the Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, at 415-865-7300.

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