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## **Court of Appeal Holds Session for Students, Public in San Joaquin County**

### *Court Continues Award-Winning Outreach Program*

Sacramento—As part of its award-winning outreach program, the Court of Appeal for the Third Appellate District will hear oral argument at Tracy High School in San Joaquin County on Thursday, January 19, 2006, Presiding Justice Arthur G. Scotland has announced. This is the second time that the court has held oral argument in that county.

The Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, ordinarily holds oral argument at its courtroom in the Library and Courts Building, 914 Capitol Mall, Sacramento. Almost six years ago, however, the court began conducting sessions at high schools in counties within the district. Oral argument at high schools has been held in the counties of Shasta, Butte, Nevada, Yolo, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, El Dorado, Plumas, Tehama, Amador, Mono, and Yuba.

The session on January 19 will be held in the school theater at Tracy High School, 315 East 11th Street, Tracy, beginning at 9:30 a.m. This location was selected with the assistance of Dr. James Franco, Superintendent of Schools, Tracy Unified School District, who has arranged for high school students to attend the proceedings. All interested members of the public as well as attorneys and judges are welcome to attend.

Four cases will be heard, all originating from the Superior Court of San Joaquin County. As part of this educational experience for high school students, justices of the Third Appellate District will participate in a question-and-answer session with the audience following oral argument.

The Judicial Council acknowledged the court's outreach program in 2002 by selecting it for a Ralph M. Kleps Improvement in the Administration of Justice Award.

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Twenty-three counties compose the Third Appellate District: Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Yolo, and Yuba.

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