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First Televised Statewide Real DUI Court Convenes February 21

Opportunity for Middle and High School Students to Participate in American Government Education

San Francisco—The first session of the statewide Real DUI Court in Schools Project will be televised live at 10:15 a.m., Thursday, February 21, 2008, from Linden High School in Linden, California. The project is part of a statewide effort to reduce driving-under-the-influence offenses among California teens.

“This is a great opportunity for youth to learn about the consequences of driving under the influence,” said Superior Court of San Joaquin County Judge Richard Vlavianos, who will preside over the hearing. “The Real DUI Court in Schools Project is also an interactive opportunity for middle and high school students to see what happens during a real court trial and learn about American government.”

The broadcast will connect what students learn in the classroom about government, the justice system, and health to the real world. Students will have opportunities to:

- View and participate in an actual DUI sentencing;
- Ask questions of the judge, attorneys, and the defendant involved;
- Learn about the consequences of a DUI on individual drivers, crash victims, and local communities; and
- Learn facts and statistics about DUI.

The broadcast is made possible by the California Channel, a public affairs cable network with 5.6 million viewers statewide, in partnership with the Administrative Office of the Courts’ Education Division. A Webcast of the hearing will be available on the California Channel’s Web site at www.calchannel.com. Seven schools are currently registered to participate from their school sites around the state.

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The Real DUI Court in Schools Project is sponsored by the Administrative Office of the Courts' Center for Families, Children & the Courts, with funding provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

For more information about the Real DUI Court in Schools Project, visit www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/cfcc/.

Schools that would like to participate in the broadcast may register at www.register123.com/web/102069 or contact Danielle Tate at 415-865-7677 or Kelly Parrish at 415-865-8018.

NOTE: Electronic media planning to attend will need to apply for permission to bring cameras and electronic recording devices into court in accordance with rule 1.150 of the California Rules of Court:

www.courtinfo.ca.gov/rules/index.cfm?title=one&linkid=rule1_150.

Please complete the form and fax to Stephanie Bohrer, Superior Court of San Joaquin County, at 209-468-8576. The telephone number is 209-468-2878. The form is available at www.courtinfo.ca.gov/forms/documents/mc500.pdf.

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