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Third Appellate District to Hear Oral Argument in Shasta County

Celebrating 20 Outreach Programs Over Past Decade

Sacramento—Celebrating ten years of court outreach programs, the Court of Appeal for the Third Appellate District will hear oral argument in Shasta County on Thursday, April 29, 2009, announced Administrative Presiding Justice Arthur G. Scotland.

Over the past decade, the Third Appellate District has held 20 outreach programs for high school students and the general public in 18 of the district's 23 counties. To commemorate this anniversary, the court will return to Shasta County, where the first outreach program was held.

The court session will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Shasta Learning Center, 2200 Eureka Way, Redding. The public is welcome to attend.

Oral argument will be held in the following two cases:

- *People v. Crockett*, C061217, Shasta County. Defendant, Leon Wilson Crockett appeals from his conviction and judgment for inflicting corporal injury on a cohabitant, false imprisonment by violence or menace, and assault with force likely to cause great bodily injury.
- *People v. Atencio*, C059437, Shasta County. Defendant, Aaron William Atencio appeals from his conviction and judgment for first degree murder while lying in wait and conspiracy to commit murder.

As part of this educational experience, justices of the court will discuss the court's appellate process and function, and will hold a question and answer session immediately following oral argument. Then the justices and court staff, local judges and their court staff, and guests will attend an educational and social event.

The Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, ordinarily holds oral argument in its courtroom at 621 Capitol Mall, 10th Floor, Sacramento. The district is the largest geographic district in California and includes these 23 counties: 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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