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## Memorial Gathering for Retired Appellate Court Justice F. Douglas McDaniel

Riverside—A memorial gathering will be held on Thursday, April 24, 2008, for retired Justice F. Douglas McDaniel, who served for 24 years as an Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Two. He died on April 17, 2008, at the age of 87.

The event will be held at 11:30 a.m. at the Lake Arrowhead Country Club, 250 Gold Course Road, Lake Arrowhead.

“Justice McDaniel was a remarkable exemplar of the ‘greatest generation,’ from World War II Marine pilot flying R5C transport planes in the South Pacific to devoted public servant as attorney, lifelong Rotarian, state bar delegate, campaign manager, and appellate court justice,” said Presiding Justice Manuel A. Ramirez, of the Court of Appeal. “On behalf of the justices of the Court of Appeal, I want to convey great sadness and deepest sympathy for his family.”

Justice McDaniel was known for writing a number of his opinions without staff assistance. One of his most important opinions is *California Shoppers, Inc. v. Royal Globe Ins. Co.* (1985) 175 Cal.App.3d 1, shaping the development of bad faith insurance litigation.

Justice McDaniel was appointed to the Court of Appeal in 1974, then headquartered in San Bernardino. During his tenure at the court, he became an advocate for youth educational programs. On his retirement in 1990, he continued to serve as an assigned judge until 1999, when he heard his last oral argument in the new appellate courthouse in Riverside. He continued to be a frequent visitor to the court throughout his retirement, presiding over a monthly luncheon discussion group.

Before joining the bench, Justice McDaniel was in private practice and later served as a deputy district attorney in Imperial County. He was a delegate to the State Bar of California’s Annual Meeting for more than 25 years and chaired the Conference of Delegates in 1971. Following military

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service in World War II, Justice McDaniel obtained his juris doctorate in 1948 from Stanford University on the G.I. Bill. He was an honors graduate of Purdue University in 1942.

Justice McDaniel's survivors include his wife, Joan, and three children, Jeffrey, Barbara, and Clarissa.

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