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Third Appellate District to Hear Oral Argument in Alpine County

First Session of Its Kind in Alpine County

Sacramento—The Court of Appeal for the Third Appellate District will hear oral argument in Alpine County on Monday, May 4, 2009, announced Administrative Presiding Justice Arthur G. Scotland.

This is the first time that a Court of Appeal oral argument will be held in Alpine County. The session will begin at 10 a.m. at Turtle Rock Park Community Center, 17300 State Route 89, Markleeville. The public is welcome to attend.

The following cases will be heard from Sacramento County:

- *The People v. James*, C057995, Sacramento County. Defendant Michael Eugene James appeals from judgment of conviction for unlawful possession of assault weapons, a BMG .50 caliber rifle, ten other firearms, and a blowgun.
- *McCartney v. Physician Assistant Committee of the Medical Board of California*, C058221, Sacramento County. The Physician Assistant Committee of the Medical Board of California appeals from judgment requiring it to set aside its decision to discipline Stanley M. McCartney for alleged gross negligence and incompetence in the treatment of a patient.

As part of this educational experience for high school students, justices of the Third Appellate District will discuss the court's appellate process and function and will hold a question and answer session after oral argument. After that, 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.

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The Third Appellate District comprises 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. Alpine County is the seventeenth county the court has visited as part of its award winning outreach program.

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