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Court of Appeal to Hold Oral Argument in San Luis Obispo

‘Law and the Media’ Presentation to Follow at California Polytechnic State University on May 28

Ventura—The Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Six, will hold oral argument in San Luis Obispo on Wednesday, May 28, 2008, Presiding Justice Arthur Gilbert announced today. The public session will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, 1055 Monterey Street, San Luis Obispo.

“After 22 years of outreach, San Luis Obispo has been a second home to Division Six,” stated Presiding Justice Gilbert. “This outreach program is designed to foster a better understanding of the appellate process.” The civil cases being argued originate from San Luis Obispo County.

The Templeton High School mock trial team has been invited to review the briefs of a selected case and discuss the issues with counsel following oral argument. The students also will have an opportunity to review the opinion to better understand the issues and the reasoning used by the court in its opinion.

Following oral argument, the court will present a session on “Law and the Media” at California Polytechnic State University (CalPoly) at 2:00 p.m. Three published opinions from Division Six on First Amendment issues will be the topic of discussion, followed by a question and answer session. One of the opinions will be *NBC Universal, Inc., et al., v. The Superior Court of Santa Barbara County; Michael Joseph Jackson*.

Presenters will be Presiding Justice Gilbert; Associate Justices Kenneth R. Yegan, Paul H. Coffee, and Steven Z. Perren; and Professor John Soares, Chairman of the Journalism Department at CalPoly. Faculty, students, and the public are welcome to attend.

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Division Six will hold oral argument in Santa Barbara from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 22, 2008. The Santa Barbara Bar Association will host a reception following oral argument.

For more information on either the May 28 or October 22 oral arguments, please call Paul McGill, Assistant Clerk/Administrator at 805-641-4711.

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