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Public Invited to Oral Argument in San Luis Obispo May 24

Ventura—The Court of Appeal for the Second Appellate District, Division Six (Ventura), will hold oral argument in San Luis Obispo on Wednesday, May 24, 2006. The 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, Presiding Justice Arthur Gilbert has announced.

The outreach program is designed to improve public understanding of the appellate process. Judges, attorneys and the public are welcome to attend.

"After two decades of outreach, San Luis Obispo has been a second home to Division Six," stated Presiding Justice Gilbert. The majority of cases being argued originate from San Luis Obispo County.

A mock trial team from Templeton High School has been invited to review the briefs of a selected case and discuss the issues with counsel following oral argument.

A review of the opinion gives students an opportunity to better understand the issues and the reasoning used by the court in its written opinion in the case. In 2000, Division Six won the Judicial Council of California's Ralph M. Kelps Award for this program.

The San Luis Obispo Bar Association will host a reception for the justices this evening.

Division Six also will hold oral argument in Santa Barbara from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 25, 2006. The Santa Barbara Bar Association will host a reception following oral argument.

For more information on either the May 24 or October 25 oral arguments, please call Paul McGill, Assistant Clerk/Administrator at 805-641-4711.