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Court of Appeal Holds Special Session at Contra Costa County High School

San Francisco—More than 300 high school students from Contra Costa County will hear oral arguments before the Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, Division Five, at 9 a.m. on October 7, 2008, Presiding Justice Barbara J.R. Jones announced today.

The public is invited to attend this special session, to be held at Acalanes High School, 1200 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette.

The school visit is designed to introduce students to the appellate court system. Case summaries, prepared by attorneys from the Contra Costa Bar Association, will be distributed before oral argument.

As part of this educational experience, the justices will attend a breakfast with students before the 9 a.m. hearing. After argument, bar association attorneys will discuss the proceedings with the students and answer questions.

The program arrangements are a collaborative effort of Presiding Justice Jones; Associate Justice Mark B. Simons and Associate Justice Henry Needham; Acalanes High School teachers Larry Freeman and Joe Schottland; and the Contra Costa Bar Association's Lisa Reep and attorney Gary Watt.

CASES TO BE ARGUED

In each of the two cases to be argued, *People v. Madrid*, A118033, and *People v. Hughston*, A118939, the appellant challenges his criminal conviction for possession of drugs for sale. In each case, the appellant challenges the constitutionality of the search or searches that uncovered the contraband.

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The First Appellate District ordinarily holds oral argument in its courtroom in the Earl Warren State Building, 350 McAllister Street, in San Francisco. The court also conducts an outreach program where middle school students are invited to visit court sessions in San Francisco.

The First Appellate District is one of six state courts of appeal, which are the intermediate courts of review in California. For more information about the Courts of Appeal and the state judicial branch, please see:

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For more information, call Diana Herbert, Clerk/Administrator of the Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, at 415-865-7300.

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