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Supreme Court Holds Special Public Outreach Session in Redding This Week

Hundreds of Students to Attend High Court Oral Arguments

San Francisco—More than 700 high school and college students will participate in one of the largest educational events of its kind in Northern California when they attend the California Supreme Court's special oral argument session on Wednesday, October 5, from 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the Redding City Hall Council Chambers, 777 Cypress Avenue, Redding, Shasta County.

Students from 37 high schools in five counties will be brought by bus to Redding, with some students traveling more than three hours each way. In addition to Shasta, participating counties include Lassen, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity. Students from two local colleges also will attend.

This is the fifth annual program that the Supreme Court has held to educate students about the court system, and it is the first time the high court has held a session in Shasta County.

LIVE TELEVISION COVERAGE

The California Channel, a public affairs cable network, will broadcast the first three of five cases live statewide, from 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., starting with a question-and-answer session between the students and justices (www.calchannel.com). The network reaches 5.6 million viewers and will offer a satellite link to facilitate coverage by other stations.

The Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District (Sacramento), have launched an educational Web site for the session, including detailed case summaries and online briefs:

<http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/courts/courtsofappeal/3rdDistrict/documents/FrontWebPg.pdf>.

SUPREME COURT CALENDAR

The Supreme Court's oral argument calendar appears online at <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/courts/calendars/documents/SOCTB05.DOC>. Cases to be argued include:

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People v. R. J. Reynolds Tobacco, S121009, an appeal by R.J. Reynolds from a fine of \$14.8 million, which was imposed for the promotional distribution of free cigarettes at several California events in 1999.

People v. Smith (Jarmaal), S123074, a criminal case that involves whether a defendant was properly convicted of two counts of attempted murder for firing a single shot toward his former girlfriend and an infant.

People v. Robinson (James), S040703, is a death penalty case that involves a defendant who was convicted of robbery and first-degree murder of two people at a sandwich store. The defendant raises various issues on appeal.

Kinsman v. Unocal Corp., S118561, involves whether a landowner is liable for a concealed hazardous condition that injured an employee of an independent contractor hired by the landowner.

Barratt American v. City of Rancho Cucamonga, S117590, involves, among other issues, the remedies that are available when a local government imposes building permit and plan review fees greater than the amount permitted under state law.

COLLABORATION IN ACTION

The Supreme Court, the Court of Appeal, and the Superior Court of Shasta County are coordinating the event, under the direction of a planning committee chaired by Judge Monica Marlow of the Superior Court of Shasta County.

Committee members include Administrative Presiding Justice Arthur G. Scotland of the Third Appellate District; Presiding Judge William D. Gallagher of the Superior Court of Shasta County; Mr. Frederick Ohlrich, Clerk/Administrator of the Supreme Court; Ms. Susan Null, Executive Officer of the superior court; Ms. Melissa Fowler-Bradley, Assistant Executive Officer of the superior court; and other court representatives.

Note to Media: A limited number of press seats in the courtroom are available. To make reservations, please call Lynn Holton at 415-865-7726 or Melissa Fowler-Bradley at 530-225-5570.

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