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## **Court of Appeal Holds Special Session at Napa School District**

San Francisco—Over 400 high school students from Vintage High School, Napa High School and New Tech High School in Napa County will hear oral arguments before the Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, Division Three, at 9:30 a.m. on October 20, 2009, Administrative Presiding Justice William R. McGuiness announced today.

The public is invited to attend this special session, to be held at the Napa Valley United School District Education Center, 2425 Jefferson Street, Napa.

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

As part of this educational experience, the justices will attend a breakfast with students before the 9:30 a.m. hearing. After argument, the justices will be available for general questions from students that do not pertain to the court cases.

The program arrangements are a collaborative effort of Administrative Presiding Justice William McGuiness, Associate Justice Stuart Pollak, Associate Justice Peter Siggins, Associate Justice Martin Jenkins, Presiding Judge Raymond Guadagni, Kathy Cunny, Secondary Education Assistant, Mark Morrison, Director of Secondary Curriculum & Instruction, Barbara Nemko, Superintendent, Stephen Bouch, Court Executive Officer, Richard Feldstein, Assistant Court Executive Officer, Diana Herbert, Clerk/Administrator, Court of Appeal, and the Napa County Bar Association representatives Mark Pollock and Lori Hunt.

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## **CASES TO BE ARGUED**

*People v. Patton*, A122382 and *People v. Rau*, A122686. In each case, the appellant challenges the constitutionality of the search that uncovered contraband.

The First Appellate District ordinarily holds oral argument in its courtroom on the fourth floor of 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.

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

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