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## **Court of Appeal to Hold Outreach Session in Inyo County**

Riverside—The Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Two (Riverside) will travel to Inyo County to hold Outreach Plus, a special court community outreach program, starting at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 18, 2007, announced Presiding Justice Manuel A. Ramirez. The program will reach about 1,000 high school students from all over Inyo County.

For the second time, the justices of the Fourth Appellate District will hear oral arguments at Bishop High School at 301 North Fowler Street in Bishop. The public is invited to attend the oral argument proceeding.

After oral argument, the justices and appellate court staff will team up with judges of the Superior Court of Inyo County and Inyo County Bar Association lawyers to talk to students about the California appellate and superior courts, legal careers, and staying in school.

Joining the justices will be Ellen M. Matsumoto and Tracy J. Dressner, counsel for the appellants, and Deputy Attorneys General Teresa Torreblanca and Elizabeth S. Voorhies.

The program arrangements are a collaborative effort among the Court of Appeal; Superior Court of Inyo County Judges Dean Stout and Brian Lamb; Steve Place, president of the Inyo County Bar Association; and Maggie Kingsbury, superintendent of Bishop Joint Union High School District; Mike Garrat, principal of Bishop Union High School; and Jeff Pratt, senior class advisor and government teacher.

### **Cases to be Argued**

Two criminal appeals will be argued.

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*People v. Hale*, E039013: The jury convicted appellant of kidnapping to commit a rape, the rape itself, and making criminal threats. On appeal, he contends that the trial court wrongly excluded expert testimony about eye-witness-identification and admitted evidence of a prior sexual assault conviction; his trial counsel incompetently failed to offer gang-expert testimony; and a jury instead of the judge should have decided the facts on which the judge imposed the upper term on a sentence enhancement.

*People v. McGraw*, E039905: The jury convicted appellant of attempted robbery of a store. On appeal, he contends that the evidence did not justify the conviction, and in a petition for writ of habeas corpus he claims that his trial attorney violated his right to effective assistance of counsel. He also contends on appeal that evidence was improperly admitted and excluded, his trial counsel was ineffective, and he was incorrectly sentenced.

### **About 'Outreach Plus'**

The Court of Appeal launched Outreach Plus in January 2005. The classroom visits are designed to acquaint students with the appellant court system, encourage students to stay in school, and inspire students to consider a career in law. In the past, the Court of Appeal has held oral argument at high schools in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

From 1929 until 1999, the Court of Appeal heard oral argument at its headquarters in San Bernardino, and since 1999 has been headquartered and has heard oral argument in Riverside. The Court of Appeal conducted oral argument in Inyo County for the first time in September 2005.

The Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Two (Riverside) hears appeals from the superior courts of Inyo, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties.

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