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New Courthouse Dedication Planned for the Fourth Appellate District of the Court of Appeal in Santa Ana

SANTA ANA—After 20 years in a rented wood-frame office building, the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Three will dedicate its new courthouse on January 14, 2010, in Santa Ana.

The program for the dedication, which runs from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m., includes remarks by several court officials, including Chief Justice Ronald M. George, Presiding Justice David G. Sills, and state Administrative Director of the Courts William C. Vickrey, as well as Santa Ana Mayor Miguel Pulido and representatives from the design and construction team. Tours of the new courthouse for the invited guests and the media will follow.

The new courthouse, at 601 West Santa Ana Boulevard, replaces two leased facilities that the court had outgrown years ago. The appellate court now has its own courthouse, which encompasses 52,000 square feet of enclosed, secure space in a modern, three-story building.

The building, which won an Award of Merit in the government/public category of *California Construction's* Best of 2009, includes a spacious courtroom for oral arguments, offices for nine justices, a settlement conference center, a law library, and workspaces for court staff. The courthouse also has a flexible design so it can be expanded in the future. Featured in the semi-circular lobby is a unique collection of student-created artworks that commemorate significant cases decided by this particular court as well as one landmark federal Orange County case, *Mendez v. Westminster*, which was the first in the nation to order an end to segregation in public schools.

The site was obtained from the city of Santa Ana which, at its own expense, demolished and razed an old building, raised the land to street level, and built a public parking structure adjacent to the new courthouse with approximately 70 parking spaces for court use.

The courthouse was constructed under the direction of the Administrative Office of the Courts. Construction began in December 2007 and was completed under budget and on schedule in September 2009, despite a one-month delay in early 2009 due to state cash-flow issues. To view images of the court facility, see www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/4dca.htm

The Fourth Appellate District, Division Three handles appeals from Orange County. Members of the news media wishing to attend the dedication should contact Kevin Stinson, Assistant Clerk/Administrator, at 714-571-2617.

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Note: Due to space limitations, the dedication is not open to the public but only to invited guests and the news media.

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