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State Supreme Court Provides Online Briefs in Marriage Cases

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San Francisco—To improve public access to case information, the California Supreme Court today announced that it has posted to the California Courts Web site all the legal briefs in the six marriage cases to be argued before the justices on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

The briefs are posted on a new “High Profile Case” section of the Supreme Court’s Web site at <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/courts/supreme/highprofile/>. This section contains links to more than 90 briefs from the parties and amici curiae.

The cases will address the constitutionality of the state’s marriage statutes. *In re Marriage Cases, S147999*. The challengers contend that the current California marriage statutes are unconstitutional in limiting marriage to opposite-sex couples and denying same-sex couples access to the designation of marriage.

The three-hour oral argument session will be held in the Supreme Court’s Courtroom, Earl Warren Building, Fourth Floor, 350 McAllister Street, San Francisco, as part of the court’s regular monthly calendar session from March 4 to 6, 2008. The complete March 2008 oral argument calendar is available at <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/calendars.cgi?Courts=S>.

Due to the large number of parties included in these cases, public seating in the courtroom will be very limited.

The oral arguments will be televised live on California Channel, a public affairs cable network. A live webcast of the arguments will also be available on California Channel’s Web site at www.calchannel.com.

Public viewing of the oral arguments will be available on closed circuit television in an overflow viewing auditorium in the Milton Marks Conference Center, Hiram Johnson State Office Building, Lower Level,

455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco.

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