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Public Invited to Celebrate 50th Anniversary of Service by African-American Justices in California Courts

Exhibit runs June 20–July 14 in San Francisco

WHAT: The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), in collaboration with the California Legislative Black Caucus, invites the public to celebrate 50 years of service by African-American justices in California and recognize their contributions to the legal community and to ensuring that all persons have equal access to the courts.

WHO: The California Legislative Black Caucus has produced and installed a series of educational exhibit panels featuring photographs and biographical information provided by the AOC on the 14 African-American justices who served on appellate courts (6 are currently serving) and the 3 who served on the California Supreme Court.

WHEN: Monday, June 20 to Thursday, July 14

WHERE: Hiram Johnson W. State Office Building (ground floor), 455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, between Larkin and Polk streets, near BART Civic Station. A related display by the Judicial Center Library is located at the adjacent McAllister lobby.

WHY: The California Senate and Assembly have recognized this historic milestone, which also marks the 70th anniversary of the appointment of the first African-American judge in California. On Monday, April 25, 2011, Senate Concurrent Resolution 38 (Price) and Assembly Concurrent Resolution 47 (Davis) were introduced to memorialize the occasion and to call on the leadership of the judicial, legislative, and executive branches of government and the greater legal, educational, and judicial communities to sponsor and participate in educational and outreach activities that highlight the work of the justices of the California Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal.

For information see also www.courts.ca.gov/OC32-11.pdf.

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