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Supreme Court to Hold Special Session at UC Hastings on September 7

San Francisco—Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye has announced that the California Supreme Court will hold a special oral argument session on Wednesday, September 7, 2011, at the University of California Hastings College of the Law, 200 McAllister Street, San Francisco (<http://www.uchastings.edu/about/index.html>).

Hundreds of law school students are expected to attend morning and afternoon oral argument sessions in the Justice Marvin and Jane Baxter Appellate Justice Center, dedicated at the college on January 20, 2011 (<http://www.uchastings.edu/media-and-news/news/2011/02/baxter-dedication.html>).

It is the first time in recent history that the state's high court has held oral argument at Hastings. Opening remarks will be made by Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye and Frank H. Wu, Chancellor and Dean of UC Hastings. The special session will be part of the Supreme Court's regular September oral argument calendar, which was announced last week (<http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/courts/calendars/documents/SSEPA11.PDF>).

On September 6, 2011, the Supreme Court will hear oral argument in its regular courtroom at the Earl Warren Building, 350 McAllister Street, San Francisco. The court will hear arguments in three cases, including *Perry v. Brown*, which involves whether the official proponents of Proposition 8 have legal standing to defend the measure in a case now pending before the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

As a service to the public and press, the Supreme Court has posted the legal briefs in the cases to be argued on September 6-7 on the California Courts website at <http://www.courts.ca.gov/15084.htm>. Within the next two weeks, the website also will feature expanded summaries concerning the cases to be argued on September 7. These summaries are designed to

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enhance the educational experience of all who will attend the oral arguments.

In addition to its regularly scheduled oral argument sessions in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Sacramento, the Supreme Court has periodically held special oral argument sessions at other locations in an effort to improve understanding about the courts among high school, college, and law students, as well as the public at large. Additional information about the Hastings special session will be issued within the next two weeks. More information on the Supreme Court is available at <http://www.courts.ca.gov/supremecourt.htm> .

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