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Loyola Law School Los Angeles to Host California Court of Appeal Session

Los Angeles — Loyola Law School will host a session of the California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Four, at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 17. The session will be in Robinson Courtroom in the Girardi Advocacy Center on Loyola's downtown campus. It will be open to students, faculty and alumni.

The Court of Appeal panel will include Presiding Justice Norman L. Epstein and Associate Justices Nora M. Manella, Steven Suzukawa and Thomas Willhite Jr. During the special court session, which will take place on Constitution Day, Loyola students will also have the opportunity to talk one-on-one with the justices during a lunch meeting.

"Loyola prides itself on its advocacy programs; we regularly having winning moot court teams. But it is one thing to participate in student arguments and another to do it in real life," said Professor Laurie Levenson, David W. Burcham Chair in Ethical Advocacy. "Having the Court of Appeal at Loyola will give the students a chance to see it in action."

The court will hear a variety of cases in two separate argument sessions:

9 a.m. arguments

Calif. Neurosurgical & Spinal Assoc. v. Hayes. Subject matter: Whether there can be a tort action based upon the giving of false testimony; privilege issues

Willis v. Robinson. Subject matter: Setting aside default judgment for failure to comply with procedures

Rodriguez v. Cortez. Subject matter: Judgment notwithstanding the verdict in contract matter

People v. Gordon. Subject matter: Waiver of right to jury trial and collateral estoppel in felon-in-possession case

People v. Cotaya. Subject matter: Whether comments on defendant's failure to testify constituted Fifth Amendment violation and whether there was ineffective assistance of counsel for failure to call eyewitness expert

Morgan & Shannon v. AT&T Wireless Services, Inc.
Subject matter: Unfair competition suits

1:30 p.m. arguments

Shirley v. CUSA, CC, LLC & Amtrak. Subject matter: Duties of common carriers

Daly v. Housing Authority of City of LA. Subject matter: Immunity of local governments

People v. Castaneira. Subject matter: Failure to allow bias evidence against complainant in criminal case

People v. Henderson & Johnson. Subject matter: Jury selection, jury instructions and sufficiency of evidence in criminal street gang case.

Buesa & Cardenas v. City of Los Angeles. Subject matter: Alleged civil rights violations

Scheuplein v. City of West Covina. Subject matter: Suits under the Anti-SLAPP statute

"This is a major event for Loyola Law School; the students and faculty are very excited about the court's visit," said Levenson, who also directs Loyola's Innocence Project. "We expect a packed courtroom throughout the day,"

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