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MEDIA ADVISORY

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**Press Conference, Other Media Matters
Related to *Perry v. Schwarzenegger***

SAN FRANCISCO – Oral arguments in *Perry v. Schwarzenegger* will be heard by a panel of judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit on Monday, December 6, in Courtroom One on the third floor of the James R. Browning U.S. Courthouse, 95 7th St., San Francisco. This advisory provides information to the media regarding: Courtroom One access and decorum; a post-proceeding press conference; and availability of a media workroom.

Courtroom One

Media seating is full and confirmations have been sent to those with seats in the courtroom. Only media displaying a credential provided by the court will be allowed in the media seating area. Credentials will be available beginning at 8:30 a.m. from a registration table adjacent to the main public entrance to the courthouse, which is located at 7th and Mission streets. Members of the media must present a photo ID to receive a credential. Media should pick up credentials no later than 9:30 a.m. and be seated in the courtroom by 9:45 a.m. or risk losing their seats. Due to limited space, we strongly suggest that reporters needing to work with laptop computers use the media workroom. Internet connectivity also is questionable in Courtroom One.

The proceeding will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at about 12:30 p.m. The panel plans to break at about 11 a.m. for about 10 minutes. While court is in session, there will be no in-out privileges. You must be in your seat when the session starts and if you leave, you cannot return.

Upon conclusion of the proceeding, we ask that you not conduct interviews in Courtroom One or the adjacent corridors. Counsel and parties will be available for interviews after the press conference.

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Press Conference

The parties will meet with the press at 1 p.m. or approximately 30 minutes after the proceeding concludes. The location will be the Library Reading Room, located on the first floor of the courthouse and adjacent to the media workroom. Look for signs to direct you to the room or inquire of court staff. **Still and video cameras will be allowed into the courthouse for purposes of covering the press conference in the Library Reading Room only.** Use of cameras elsewhere in the building is prohibited.

The Library Reading Room will open for camera setup at 10:30 a.m. and all media should be in place by 12:30 p.m. Media with cameras should enter the courthouse using the public entrance at 7th and Mission streets. You must present a photo ID to court security personnel and have your equipment scanned. Court staff will direct you to the press conference location. Once in place, cameras and equipment should remain in the room and cannot be taken elsewhere in the building.

In the Library Reading Room, the court will provide a small stage, PA system, a lectern equipped with a microphone, and an audio bridge device from which the media can obtain an audio feed. There will be seating and a space designated for cameras. The room will be available for 90 minutes after the press conference concludes to allow for additional interviews with counsel, the parties, *amicus* parties and other interested persons.

Media Workroom

The Library Conference Room, also on the first floor adjacent to the press conference space, will be available as a media workroom from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 3 p.m. The room will have a large monitor displaying a live audio/video feed from Courtroom One, work tables and offers wi-fi connectivity. Media needing to use laptops are encouraged to use this room. The workroom is reserved for media and you may be asked to show an ID such as a press credential or business card. Look for signs to direct you to the workroom or inquire of court staff.

Please share this information with your reporters and camera crews. The court's public information officer, David Madden, will be available at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, December 6. He can be reached on his cell phone (415) 518-0633 or by email at dmadden@ce9.uscourts.gov. Email also may be sent to krodriguez@ce9.uscourts.gov.

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