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## **Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals to Hold Special Sitting in Richland, Washington**

SAN FRANCISCO –The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit will add to Pacific Northwest legal history next week with its first-ever sitting in Richland, Washington.

A three-judge panel of the nation’s largest and busiest federal appellate court will hear oral arguments on November 17, 2015, beginning at 2 p.m., in Courtroom 189 of the U.S. Courthouse and Federal Building, 825 Jadwin Avenue. Seating in the courtroom is limited, but visitors will be able to watch the proceedings via a video feed to an auditorium within the building. Courtroom seating will be on a first come basis.

The special sitting is scheduled in conjunction with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the U.S. Courthouse and Federal Building. A series of events open to the public are planned to commemorate the anniversary, including a naturalization ceremony on November 17 at 10 a.m. and an open house with guided tour of the courthouse on November 19 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. A complete schedule of events is available online at <http://www.waed.uscourts.gov/>.

“We are very pleased to represent the Ninth Circuit in its first sitting in Richland and we look forward to joining in the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the courthouse there,” said Circuit Judge Susan P. Graber of Portland, Oregon, who will preside over the court session. Joining her on the panel are Senior Circuit Judge Edward Leavy, also of Portland, and Circuit Judge Richard C. Tallman of Seattle.

The docket consists of appeals of three decisions by the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Washington:

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- *USA v. Aleksandar Djordjevic*, in which Aleksandar Djordjevic appeals his jury conviction for mail fraud, honest services fraud, and conspiracy arising from the corrupt issuance of commercial drivers' licenses in the State of Washington. Case 14-30212
- *David Sanders v. Energy Northwest*, in which David W. Sanders appeals the district court's summary judgment in his whistleblower action under the Energy Reorganization Act. Case 14-35368
- *Dennis King v. Garfield County Public Hospital*, in which administrators of the Garfield County Public Hospital District appeal the district court's order denying their motion for qualified immunity in an action, brought by Dennis King, arising from his termination as a registered nurse. Case 14-35460

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals hears appeals of cases decided by executive branch agencies and federal trial courts in nine western states, the U.S. Territory of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The court normally meets monthly in Seattle, San Francisco and Pasadena, California; every other month in Portland, Oregon; three times per year in Honolulu, Hawaii; and twice a year in Anchorage, Alaska. A complete schedule of cases is available online at <http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov>.

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