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New Website Provides Online Presence for Justice Anthony M. Kennedy Library and Learning Center

SACRAMENTO — The Justice Anthony M. Kennedy Library and Learning Center, a hub of the federal judiciary’s civics education efforts in Northern California, has vastly extended its reach with the rollout of a new Internet website:

<http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/klc>.

The new website provides a wealth of information about the center, which organizes educational programs for teachers and students, hosts large-format exhibits related to law and government, displays students’ law-related artwork, and provides a venue for meetings and events organized by a variety of community groups and professional organizations.

“We envision the Kennedy Learning Center as the linchpin of our civics education efforts,” said Chief Judge Sidney R. Thomas of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. “The website is the logical next step in making this valuable resource even more widely available to teachers, students and the public at large.”

Located in the Robert T. Matsui U.S. Courthouse in Sacramento, the center is the product of a public-private collaboration involving the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California, the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit, and the Sacramento Federal Judicial Library and Learning Center Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that engages in fund-raising and other activities.

“In this instant world we live in, it is essential to slow down long enough to understand the underpinnings of the Rule of Law upon which our nation was founded,” said Chief Judge Lawrence J. O’Neill of the Eastern District of California. “The Kennedy Learning Center is providing that very opportunity.”

Eastern District Judge Kimberly J. Mueller, who serves on the center’s advisory oversight committee, described it as “a vital space dedicated to deep learning about our constitutional democracy and citizens’ roles in making that democracy work – as jurors,

litigants, and law-abiding members of the community. The new website helps ensure all know of the Kennedy Learning Center as an important community resource.”

Andy Stroud, president of the Sacramento Federal Judicial Library and Learning Center Foundation, applauded the new website.

“The launch of the website furthers our shared vision of making the Kennedy Learning Center a hub for civic education and a destination point for visitors to our state’s Capital City. As the website shows, we are well on our way to achieving that goal.”

The center is named for one of Sacramento’s most famous native sons. U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, an ardent supporter of civics education, actively participates in planning for the future of the center and visits periodically to participate in various programs. To honor its namesake, the center has reserved a prominent space to display photos and other memorabilia related to Justice Kennedy’s life and career.

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