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Ninth Circuit to Hold Special Sitting at the University of Montana

SAN FRANCISCO – The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit will hold a special sitting on April 26 at the University of Montana, Blewett School of Law, in Missoula, Montana.

Oral arguments will be livestreamed and begin at 10 a.m. MDT in The George & Jane Dennison Theatre located at the corner of Maurice Ave. and Connell St. A valid photo ID is required for admittance.

The panel will consist of Chief Circuit Judge Mary H. Murguia, Senior Circuit Judge Sidney R. Thomas and Circuit Judge Anthony D. Johnstone.

Cases on the docket are:

- <u>USA v. Hugo Yanez</u>, a federal prisoner appeals the denial of a 28 U.S.C. § 2255 motion seeking to correct a sentence for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. Case No. 22-36056
- <u>Lisa Sides v. Global Travel Alliance, Inc.</u>, an appeal of a judgment in favor of Global Travel Alliance, Inc., in a diversity putative nationwide class action, alleging claims arising out of disrupted travel plans during the COVID-19 pandemic. Case No. 23-35368

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit hears appeals of cases decided by certain executive branch agencies and federal trial courts in nine western states and two Pacific island jurisdictions. The court meets monthly in San Francisco and Pasadena, California; with regular sittings in Seattle and Portland, Oregon; as well as special sittings at other federal courthouses in Phoenix, Las Vegas, Honolulu and Anchorage, Alaska. A list of oral argument dates and locations is available online at https://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/calendar/.