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Court of Appeals Schedules Special Sitting at the University of San Diego

SAN FRANCISCO – The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit will hold a special sitting February 6, 2012, at the University of San Diego, School of Law. Oral arguments will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the law school’s Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice Theatre, 5998 Alcalá Park. A photo ID will be required for access into courtroom.

A three-judge panel consisting of circuit judges M. Margaret McKeown of San Diego, and Milan D. Smith, Jr., of El Segundo, and Senior District Judge Rudi M. Brewster of San Diego, will hear appeals of decisions by the U.S. district courts for the Central District of California and the District of Nevada. Among the cases on the docket are:

- *Oyeniran v. Holder*, in which Oyeniran, a Nigerian native and citizen, petitions for review of decisions by the Board of Immigration Appeal dismissing his appeal of an immigration judge’s denial of his application for deferral of removal under the Convention Against Torture (CAT), and denying his motion to reopen and reconsider. Oyeniran asserted past persecution and a fear of future persecution on account of his father’s position as an archbishop and prominent Christian leader who is opposed to Islam. Oyeniran was previously granted CAT relief which was terminated after his attempted re-entry into the United States without proper travel documents. Case 09-73683
- *Monge v. Maya Magazines, Inc.*, in which Noelia Lorenzo Monge and Jorge Reynoso appeal the summary judgment granted by the U.S. District Court for Central California in their action under the Copyright Act against Maya Magazines, Inc., and Maya Publishing Group LLC, which published photographs of their wedding in “TV *Notas*,” a celebrity gossip magazine. Case 10-56710

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- *Solomon v. Cutler*, in which Solomon appeals the Nevada district court’s judgment, following a bench trial, in favor of Cutler in a diversity action concerning legal ownership of the Norman Rockwell painting “Russian Schoolroom.” The painting was stolen from Solomon in St. Louis in 1973; purchased by Cutler, an art dealer, in 1988; and sold to film director Steven Spielberg in 1989. In 2006, after Spielberg discovered the painting was stolen and informed the FBI, Solomon sued for declaratory relief, replevin, quiet title, and conversion. Solomon, Cutler and Spielberg subsequently filed a number of claims and counter claims in the matter. The district court found that Solomon consented to the 1988 auction, which justified Cutler’s ownership claim. Case 10-15969

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals hears appeals of cases decided by executive branch agencies and federal trial courts in nine western states and two Pacific Island jurisdictions. 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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