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Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals to Offer Remote Viewing of *En Banc* Proceedings

SAN FRANCISCO – The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit will provide for remote viewing of *en banc* court proceedings scheduled for March 19-20, 2012, in Courtroom One of the James R. Browning U.S. Courthouse, 95 7th St., San Francisco.

En banc courts, which consist of 11 judges rather than the normal three-judge appellate panel, are used to resolve intra-circuit case conflicts and legal questions deemed by the court to be of exceptional importance. Less than 20 cases per year typically receive *en banc* review.

The three appeals to be heard in San Francisco involve a local government ban on gun shows; a grant of asylum to an immigrant fearful of possible retaliation for testifying against gang members; and sentencing in a murder case. More information is provided below.

A live video and audio feed from the proceedings at the San Francisco courthouse will be delivered via electronically secure means to the following Ninth Circuit courthouses:

Richard H. Chambers
U.S. Courthouse
125 South Grand Ave.
Pasadena, California
Mezzanine Room

U.S. Pioneer Courthouse
700 SW Sixth Avenue
Portland, Oregon
Pioneer Courtroom

William K. Nakamura
U.S. Courthouse
1010 Fifth Avenue
Seattle, Washington
En Banc Courtroom, 8th Floor

Public access to the remote viewing locations will be on a first-come-first-served basis. No photographs or recording/transmission of the audio and video displayed at the remote viewing locations will be allowed. Proper decorum is expected.

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NINTH CIRCUIT *EN BANC* COURTS
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
March 19-20, 2012

March 19, 2012, 2:30 p.m.

Nordyke v. King

Following remand by this court, an appeal by gun show sponsors of the district court's summary judgment in an action challenging the Alameda (California) County ordinance banning possession of firearms on county property. Case 07-15763

March 20, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

Henriquez-Rivas v. Holder

A petition for review from the Board of Immigration Appeals' order sustaining the government's appeal of an immigration judge's grant of asylum, and denying withholding of removal and protection under the Convention Against Torture. Rocio Brenda Henriquez-Rivas, a witness to her father's murder by gang members, claimed fear of future persecution due to her membership in a social group comprised of individuals who testify against Mara Salvatrucha gang members. Case 09-71571

March 20, 2012, 2:00 p.m.

Sessoms v. Runnels

An appeal of the district court's denial of Tio Dinero Sessoms' habeas corpus petition challenging his felony murder conviction. Sessoms alleged that police violated his *Miranda* rights during an interview. Case 08-17790

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; 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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