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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 19-21, 2013, 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 five appeals to be heard in San Francisco involve a public broadcaster's challenge to FCC rules on advertisements; length of term of a Chapter 13 reorganization plan; alleged abusive interrogation tactics by City of Burbank police officers; visual cavity strip searches performed by federal immigration authorities; and train accident suit against the Republic of Austria and the Austrian national railway. 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 19-21, 2013

March 19

10:00 a.m.

Minority Television Project v. FCC, 09-17311

An appeal from the summary judgement issued by the U.S. District Court for Northern District of California rejecting a public broadcaster's First Amendment challenge against 47 U.S.C. § 399b, which prohibits the transmission of advertisements for goods and services on behalf of for-profit entities, advertisements regarding issues of public importance or interest, and political advertisements

2:00 p.m.

Danielson v. Flores, 11-55452

A bankruptcy trustee appeals an order of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California concerning the length of the term of a chapter 13 plan of reorganization.

March 20

9:30 a.m.

Dahlia v. Rodriguez, 10-55978

An appeal of the dismissal by the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California of a claim by a City of Burbank police officer that he was placed on administrative leave in retaliation for disclosing the alleged use of abusive interrogation tactics by his colleagues.

2:30 p.m.

Wong v. Beebe, 10-36136

An appeal of the summary judgement of the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon rejecting a suit brought by a native and citizen of Hong Kong, who alleged constitutional violations in visual cavity strip searches while she was in the custody of U.S. immigration officials.

March 21

10:00 a.m.

Sachs v. Republic of Austria, 11-15458

An appeal of the judgement of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California that the Republic of Austria and the Austrian national railway were immune from suit in a case arising from a train accident in Innsbruck. The court ruled that the commercial activities exception of the Foreign Sovereign Immunity Act did not apply to the case.

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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