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Court of Appeals Schedules Special Sitting at the University of Hawaii

SAN FRANCISCO – The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit will hear oral arguments next week at two locations in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The court will sit October 8 and 10 at its regular venue at 1132 Bishop Street. Oral arguments will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Courtroom Suite 250L. A photo ID will be required for access into the courtroom. The court will convene a special sitting October 9 at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, William S. Richardson School of Law. Oral arguments will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the law school's Moot Courtroom, 2515 Dole St. A photo ID will be required for access into courtroom.

A three-judge panel consisting of Chief Judge Alex Kozinski, Senior Circuit Judge Raymond C. Fisher, and Circuit Judge Paul J. Watford, who all maintain chambers in Pasadena, California, will hear appeals of decisions by the U.S. District Courts for the districts of Hawaii and the Northern Mariana Islands. Cases on the docket are:

- *United States v. Urumelog*, in which Rowena Urumelog of the Northern Mariana Islands appeals her jury conviction and sentence for making a false statement in an immigration document. Case 12-10310
- *Yamada v. Weaver*, in which plaintiffs Jimmy Yamada et al. appeal a district court ruling pertaining to provisions of Hawaii's campaign finance disclosure law that are intended to allow the public to determine the financial backers of campaign advertising. The district court upheld some provisions but found that a contribution limit imposed by the law was unconstitutional as applied to the plaintiffs' past and proposed contributions to a registered political action committee. A companion appeal deals with the district court's order pertaining to attorney fees. Cases 12-15913 and 12-17845

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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