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### **SUPERIOR COURT HOSTS “GIRL SCOUTS AT COURT” DAY**

On March 25, 2008, the Santa Clara County Superior Court will host the Santa Clara County Chapter of the Girl Scouts at court.

In honor of Women's History Month, the Superior Court will host a Girl Scouts at Court day. Forty Girl Scouts will attend a luncheon with twenty-one female bench officers and the Court's Executive Officer Kiri Torre. In addition, nine high profile professional women will attend the luncheon. They include: District Attorney Dolores Carr, Public Defender Mary Greenwood, County Counsel Ann Ravel, Sheriff Laurie Smith, Chief Probation Officer Sheila Mitchell, Ann Nguyen, Julie Emede, Marion Whittaker, and Marwa Elzankaly. Many of these female bench officers and lawyers were the first female to hold their position and are past and current board members or presidents of a number of associations including: the State Bar Board of Governors, the Santa Clara County Bar Association, The Asian Pacific Bar Association of the Silicon Valley, La Raza Lawyers, Black Lawyers, Rainbow Lawyers, Vietnamese American Bar Association, the Bay Area Association of Muslim Lawyers, and California Asian-American Judges Association.

These thirty women and forty girls will have an opportunity to talk in small groups during lunch hosted by the Court. After lunch, the girls will observe court proceedings. Later in the afternoon, they will return to the Court's conference center for a badge ceremony.

The girls attending were selected through an application process and have an interest in learning more about legal proceedings and potentially a career in the law.