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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE-FEBRUARY 8, 2005 SUPERIOR COURT ANNOUNCES FORMATION OF SPEAKERS BUREAU

The Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, is pleased to announce the formation of the Superior Court Speakers Bureau, a new program designed to promote interaction between judicial officers and the public. This effort is being spearheaded by Judge Aaron Persky in his capacity as a member of the Court's Community Outreach and Planning Committee. The Speakers Bureau can provide judges and court commissioners to speak at community events, meetings, and school functions, and these presentations can be tailored to fit each organization's needs and interests. This program is intended to increase public understanding and knowledge of the judicial system by providing a forum for judges and members of the community to interact in an informal, non-judicial setting. (Note: The judges cannot offer legal advice, nor can they comment upon specific cases.)

Examples of potential topics for Speakers Bureau presentations would include:

- The role of the court
- Civil rights
- Jails/Prison
- Family/Juvenile issues
- Drunk driving

- Jury service
- Landlord/Tenant issues
- Drugs/Gangs
- Civil/Small Claims
- Careers in the legal field

Santa Clara County's judges are proud to represent the community and welcome the opportunity to meet with interested organizations and share information on the judicial process. For more information or to schedule a speaker, interested parties should contact:

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