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**PRESS RELEASE**  
**December 3, 2010**

Oral arguments in *Perry v. Schwarzenegger*, Case No. 10-16696, will be heard by a panel of three judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit on Monday, December 6, 2010, beginning at 10:00 AM (Pacific time) in San Francisco, CA.

The United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts will receive a live audio/video feed of this proceeding from the James R. Browning U.S. Courthouse in San Francisco, CA to courtroom 11 on the 5th floor of the John Joseph Moakley U.S. Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Way, Boston, MA, on **Monday, December 6, 2010, beginning at 1:00 PM (Eastern time).**

The main appeal involves a challenge by two same-sex couples to the constitutionality of Proposition 8, a voter-enacted amendment to the California Constitution, which provides that only marriage between a man and a woman is valid in California. The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California found Proposition 8 unconstitutional under the Due Process and Equal Protection clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution, and entered an order permanently enjoining the enforcement of Proposition 8. The official proponents of Proposition 8 and the committee designated by the official proponents as the official "Yes on 8" campaign appeal the district court's judgment. In the intervenor appeal, Imperial County, its board of supervisors and county clerk appeal the district court's denial of their motion to intervene as defendants in the district court proceedings.

Media/public access to the remote viewing location in the Moakley Courthouse will be on a first come-first served basis. The courtroom will open to public seating at 12:30 PM. All persons entering the courthouse must show a valid photo ID and pass through security screening. The general public is prohibited from bringing cameras, pagers, cellular telephones, personal data assistants (PDA's), laptop computers, tape recorders, and other electronic devices into any United States Courthouse in the District of Massachusetts. Persons bringing these devices into the courthouse must check them at the security screening station in order to gain access to the building. No photographs or recording /transmission of the audio and video displayed at the remote viewing location will be allowed. Proper decorum is expected.

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals has set up an Internet web page providing free public access to some of the electronic documents filed in the case. The web page is listed under "Cases of Interest" on the court home page: <http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov>.

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