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Court of Appeals Guidelines for Press Coverage of Southwest Voter Registration Education Project v. Shelley

SAN FRANCISCO – An en banc court of 11 judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit will hear *Southwest Voter Registration Education Project v. Shelley* (#03-56498) at 1 p.m. Monday, September 22, 2003, at the courthouse at Seventh and Mission Streets. Due to the large influx of press and general public expected to appear at the courthouse to hear the oral arguments, the court has made special arrangements for admission.

The proceedings will be carried live by C-SPAN television network. Due to the limited size of the courtroom, it is expected that many members of the general public will have to be turned away. The public is encouraged to watch the hearings on television or the Internet.

The court Public Information Office is making arrangements for press access to Courtroom One, where the hearing will take place. If you have not already contacted the office and would like seating in Courtroom One, email David Madden at dmadden@ce9.uscourts.gov. Seating and television monitors will also be provided in overflow areas of the courthouse.

Press who wish to view the hearing in an overflow area will be allowed entry on a first-come, first-serve basis beginning at 12:15 p.m.

Television Cameras: To arrange a tape of the hearing or a live hook-up, television media outlets are asked to contact Maura Pierce at C-SPAN at (202) 626-7952 (work), (202) 369-1077 (cell), or (800) 475-7036 (pager).

Laptop computers/Tape Recorders: No laptop computers or tape recorders will be permitted

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in Courtroom One. Laptops and still cameras, but no tape recorders, will be permitted in the overflow viewing areas.

Phone Hook-ups: A limited number of telephone outlets will be available for laptop hook-up.

Judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit reside throughout the nine western states in the circuit. The court, with headquarters in San Francisco, hears cases in panels of three judges. Panels assemble for one week each month in four regular places of holding court: Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, and Pasadena. Periodically, panels sit in Alaska and Hawaii as well.

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