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Court of Appeals Schedules Special Sittings at Arizona Law Schools

SAN FRANCISCO – The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit will hold special sittings next week at law schools in Tucson and Tempe, Arizona. An appellate panel consisting of Circuit Judges M. Margaret McKeown of San Diego, Richard R. Clifton of Honolulu and Jay S. Bybee of Las Vegas will hear appeals of decisions by the U.S. district courts for Arizona and Nevada.

The court will sit March 26, 2012, in Tucson at the University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law. Oral arguments will begin at 10 a.m. in Room 164 of the Ares Auditorium, located at northwest corner of Speedway Boulevard and Mountain Avenue. A photo ID will be required to enter the courtroom. These cases are on the docket:

- *Didiana v. Parball Corp.*, in which Anthony Didiana appeals the Nevada district court's summary judgment in his action under Title VII and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act against Parball Corp. Didiana alleges gender and age discrimination in his termination from his job as a bartender at O'Shea's Casino and Bar. Case 10-17257

- *In re Ratliff*, in which Harlan J. Ratliff and Theresa L. Ratliff, Chapter 11 debtors, appeal the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel's affirmance of the bankruptcy court's judgment after trial in an adversary proceeding in which Todd Campbell and Stephanie McRae claimed that the Ratliffs received more than their rightful share of the proceeds of the sale of a farm by Cochise Agricultural Properties, LLC (CAP). Case 10- 60051

The court will sit March 27, 2012, in Tempe at Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. Oral arguments will begin at 10 a.m. in Room 113 of the Great Hall, located at McAllister and Orange streets. A photo ID will be required to enter the courtroom. These cases are on the docket:

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- *Gruma Corp. v. UFCW, Local 99*, in which Gruma Corp. appeals the district court's summary judgment in its action under the Labor Management Relations Act and the Federal Arbitration Act. The company challenged an arbitration award in favor of United Food & Commercial Workers, Local 99, over the discharge of an employee. The arbitrator ruled Gruma had violated a collective bargaining agreement with the union by failing to give the employee written notice of the basis for her discharge. Case 10-16055

- *Shavin v. Astrue*, in which Alan Shavin appeals the district court's decision affirming the commissioner of Social Security's denial of his application for disability insurance benefits under the Social Security Act. Shavin alleged disability due to spinal stenosis in the neck. The administrative law judge held that Shavin could perform his past relevant work as president of a textile company. Case 10-17254

- *Ward v. Ryan*, in which Arizona state prisoner Sean Patrick Ward appeals the district court's denial of his habeas corpus petition challenging his jury conviction and 22-year sentence for murder. Case 10-17481

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals hears appeals of decisions by executive branch agencies and cases decided by 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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