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SUPERIOR COURT HOLDS DELINQUENCY BEYOND THE BENCH CONFERENCE

The Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara is pleased to announce that it will be hosting the Fourth Annual Delinquency Beyond the Bench Conference, an event that draws local experts to discuss the various issues facing Juvenile Delinquency Court. The conference will take place Friday, November 7, 2008 at the Sainte Claire Hotel, 302 South Market Street, San Jose.

The conference will begin at 8:00 A. M. and will feature six informational panels presented by local experts in the field. These panels will address some of the more controversial issues that affect Juvenile Delinquency Court such as gang activity, fetal alcohol spectrum disorder, use and misuse of the internet, teen dating violence, and juvenile sex offenders. Panels will include current topics under each of these issues, local resources available, prevention treatment methods, and first-hand accounts from youth.

The Court's co-sponsors for this year's Beyond the Bench Conference include the Santa Clara County Probation Department, the Office of the District Attorney, the Office of the Public Defender, the Santa Clara County Bar Association and the Juvenile Justice Commission. This conference has been certified by the State Bar of California and participants are eligible to receive seven (7) hours of MCLE credits.

Media organizations requesting permission to photograph, record, or videotape this event must submit the completed forms MC-500 and MC-510 (Rule 1.150, California Rules of Court) prior to the event. Requests may be faxed to the Court's Public Information Office at 408-882-2779.

Families and other interested parties can learn more about the conference by visiting the Court's website at:

<http://www.sccsuperiorcourt.org/news/news.htm#BTB>

And a brochure can be accessed at:

<http://www.sccsuperiorcourt.org/news/PDFs/Beyond%20the%20Bench%20Flyer.pdf>