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2006 YOUTH IN COURT DAY

WHAT: *Youth in Court*, a nationally awarded program, is held once a year at the North County Superior Courthouse in Vista. The goal of this program is to expose North County grade, middle and high school students to various aspects of the state judicial system.

This year, more than 750 students from throughout the area will come to the courthouse to participate in programs and hear a variety of thought-provoking presentations. (See attached PDF).

WHEN: **9:00 A.M. – 2:45 P.M. – Friday March 17, 2006**

WHERE: **North County Superior Courthouse
325 South Melrose Avenue, Vista**

WHO: San Diego Superior Court
Bar Association of Northern San Diego County
Lawyer Referral Service

BACKGROUND: For the fifth straight year, the judges and staff of the Superior Court in Vista will join with volunteer lawyers to show students how the justice system works and expose them to job opportunities in law and law enforcement. The students participate in court role playing and have the opportunity to listen and learn from those who work in the court.

Last year, "Youth in Court Day" received a national award from the American Bar Association.

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San Diego Superior Court
Welcomes You to

YOUTH IN COURT

MARCH 17, 2006

Sponsored by the Bar Association of Northern San Diego County and
the Lawyer Referral Service

Check-In & Refreshments: 12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. in Jury Lounge

Courtroom Sessions	Time	Location
STORIES FROM THE DRUG COURT – GETTING HOOKED, FIGHTING TO GET UNHOOKED Hear first hand from drug addicts who have been through the criminal justice system on the long and tough road towards recovery.	1:00– 1:45 p.m. & 2:00 – 2:45 p.m.	Department 16 (1st Floor)
GANG DRIVE-BY SHOOTING SENTENCING Hear the reenactment of a sentencing of a defendant in a gang-related drive-by shooting. Hear from the actual defendant about his years in the California Youth Authority and his extraordinary efforts to rehabilitate himself.	1:00– 1:45 p.m. & 2:00 – 2:45 p.m.	Department 20 (3rd Floor)
HATE CRIME MOCK PRELIMINARY HEARING Observe the compelling testimony of a hate crime victim who was almost killed simply because he is gay.	1:00– 1:45 p.m. & 2:00 – 2:45 p.m.	Department 21 (3rd Floor)
WE REPRESENT MURDERERS, RAPISTS, AND CHILD MOLESTERS AND WE'RE PROUD OF WHAT WE DO. Hear from several prominent criminal defense attorneys in San Diego as they discuss the importance of criminal defense attorneys to the justice system. They will talk about some of their most high profile cases and the difficulties presented in those cases.	1:00– 1:45 p.m. & 2:00 – 2:45 p.m.	Department 22 (3rd Floor)
DRUNKEN DRIVING DISASTER Hear dramatic closing arguments from an actual trial in which a young man was charged with the killing of two of his closest friends in a drunken driving accident.	1:00– 1:45 p.m. & 2:00 – 2:45 p.m.	Department 23 (3 rd Floor)
THE TRAGEDY OF FAMILY VIOLENCE See first hand the unique problems lawyers face in domestic violence trials with witnesses who are forced to testify against their loved ones.	1:00– 1:45 p.m. & 2:00 – 2:45 p.m.	Department 24 (3 rd Floor)
CSI- SAN DIEGO Learn about gathering, processing and analyzing trial evidence using forensic methods. Hear live testimony from a crime lab forensic specialist.	1:00– 1:45 p.m. & 2:00 – 2:45 p.m.	Department 25 (3 rd Floor)
JURY SELECTION ON A DEATH PENALTY TRIAL Lawyers will question student jurors on a hypothetical death penalty trial. The students will be forced to explore their own feelings on these most difficult cases in the judicial system.	1:00– 1:45 p.m. & 2:00 – 2:45 p.m.	Department 26 (4 th Floor)
SEXUAL HARASSMENT MOCK TRIAL See a mock civil trial about a high school girl who claimed she was sexually harassed by a male classmate and couldn't get the school principal to stop the harassment.	1:00– 1:45 p.m. & 2:00 – 2:45 p.m.	Department 28 (4 th Floor)