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North County Court Hosts Seventh Annual “Youth In Court Day”

On Friday, March 7, 2008, hundreds of North County students will participate in the seventh annual “Youth In Court Day” at the Superior Court in Vista. The judges and staff of the Superior Court will join with the North County Bar Association to show more than 1,000 students how the justice system works and expose them to job opportunities in law and law enforcement. The day-long event will include mock trials for elementary and middle school students and educational sessions for high school students on diverse topics such as domestic violence, death penalty trials, use of forensic evidence and the devastating impact of gang violence.

“The program has become so popular with North County schools that this year we had to turn away kids from both the morning and afternoon sessions. One-thousand kids are about our limit! It’s so gratifying to see the impact this day has in our community. It makes all the effort by the North County Court and the North County Bar worthwhile,” says Superior Court Judge Joan P. Weber, one of the organizers of the event.

The mock trials will start at 9:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. The educational sessions begin at 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. The *Youth in Court Day* has been nationally recognized. In 2005, the program received an award from the American Bar Association touting it as one of the best outreach programs in the country.

2008 YOUTH IN COURT DAY

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

WHEN: **9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. – Friday, March 7, 2008**

WHERE: North County Courthouse
325 South Melrose Avenue, Vista

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

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