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Ninth Circuit Plans Special Sitting at the University of Arizona

SAN FRANCISCO – The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit will hold a special sitting March 6 at the University of Arizona at Tucson, James E. Rogers College of Law. Oral arguments will begin at 10 a.m. in the Ares Auditorium (Room 146), 1201 East Speedway. A photo ID will be required for access into the courtroom.

A three-judge panel consisting of Circuit Judges Marsha S. Berzon of San Francisco, Michael Daly Hawkins of Phoenix, and Richard R. Clifton of Honolulu will hear appeals of decisions by the U.S. district courts for Arizona and the Central District of California, and the federal Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA). The cases on the docket are:

- *Cinapian v. Mukasey*, in which Aghavni Cinapian, Norek Cinapian, and derivatively Akop Sinapyan and Gevork Cinapian, natives and citizens of Armenia and/or Iran, petition for review of a decision of the BIA’s summary affirmance of an immigration judge’s denial of their applications for asylum, withholding of removal, and protection under the Convention Against Torture. Petitioners asserted past persecution and fear of future persecution in Iran on account of their Christian religion. The BIA affirmed the immigration judge’s determination that the petitioners’ asylum application was time-barred, and the denial of all forms of relief on the basis that petitioners failed to credibly establish their identities or countries of citizenship. Case 05-72445
- *Larin-Delgado v. Mukasey*, in which Oscar Larin-Delgado, a native and citizen of El Salvador, petitions for review of a decision of the BIA’s dismissal of his appeal of an immigration judge’s order granting him voluntary departure after he withdrew his substantive claims for relief from removal. Larin-Delgado asserted fear of persecution by the Salvadoran government and gang members in El Salvador on account of his own *Mara Salvatrucha* gang tattoos. Case 06-73650

- *Ramirez v. Glendale Union High*, in which Joe and Ana Ramirez, as parents and legal guardians of Jose Ramirez, appeal from the Arizona district court's summary judgment in their action against Glendale Union High School District. Appellants contend that Jose Ramirez, a special education student, was physically and sexually assaulted while attending two different schools within the district. Case 07-16904
- *McCormick v. U.S.*, in which Becky McCormick, as daughter and personal representative of Florence Morlock (deceased), appeals the Arizona district court's summary judgment in favor of the U.S. government in McCormick's wrongful death action arising out of medical treatment provided to Morlock while a resident of Catalina Village Assisted Living. McCormick alleges that Morlock's physician failed to monitor Morlock's medications resulting in death from multi-drug intoxication. Case 07-16182
- *Sternberg v. Johnston*, in which Melvin Sternberg and Sternberg & Singer Ltd., appeal the Arizona district court's affirmance of the Arizona bankruptcy court's judgment, after a bench trial on a second remand from the district court, in Chapter 11 debtor Logal T. Johnston's action seeking relief for Sternberg's violation of the automatic bankruptcy stay. Case 07-16870
- *EEOC v. The Boeing Company*, in which the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission appeals the Arizona district court's summary judgment in favor of the Boeing Company in the EEOC's action alleging sex discrimination and retaliation on behalf of Antonia Castron and Renee Wrede. Case 07-16903

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals hears appeals of cases decided by federal agencies and federal trial courts in nine western states and two Pacific Island jurisdictions. The court normally meets monthly in Seattle, San Francisco and Pasadena, every other month in Portland, twice per year in Honolulu and once in Anchorage. A complete schedule of cases is available online at <http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov>.

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