Conference on Supreme Court
Set November 14 at UC Berkeley

WHAT: The University of California’s Berkeley School of Law has announced an inaugural conference on the Supreme Court of California on November 14, 2008. The program will provide a unique forum for judges, government officials, scholars, and practitioners to discuss the work of the court and learn more about legal issues affecting the state’s judicial system. The goal of the conference is to raise public understanding of the court’s work and identify important legal and constitutional developments. Program participants will examine issues involving the Supreme Court’s recent 2007-2008 term, the death penalty, private judging, and access to justice in family court.

WHEN: Friday, November 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Clark Kerr Conference Center
University of California at Berkeley
2601 Waring Street, Berkeley, California

WHO: Conference speakers and panelists include:
- California Chief Justice Ronald M. George
- Former Governor Pete Wilson, Bingham, McCutchen, LLP
- Jesse Choper, Law Professor and former Dean, Berkeley School of Law
- Dean Kenneth W. Starr, Pepperdine University
- Dean Chris Edley, UC Berkeley School of Law
- Michael Laurence, Executive Director, Habeas Corpus Resource Center
- Bonnie R. Hough, Managing Attorney, Center for Families, Children & the Courts, Administrative Office of the Courts

Supreme Court Justices Marvin R. Baxter, Kathryn M. Werdegar, Ming W. Chin, and Carol A. Corrigan will moderate the panel discussions.

DETAILS: The program is free and open to the media. Paid registration is required by the legal community, with discounts for government, academic and non-profit groups. Registration fee includes up to 6.0 MCLE credits. To register or to get more info, go to http://www.law.berkeley.edu/sccjc_conference/

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