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To: Panel Attorneys Appointed in California Supreme Court

From: Appellate Defenders, Inc.

**GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT CASES
IN THE CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT**

Thank you for accepting an appointment in the Supreme Court. This is a special opportunity to help your client and make an important contribution to the law.

Under Supreme Court policy, all appointments in review-granted cases are designated “assisted.” The ADI staff attorney who was assigned in the Court of Appeal normally will be the assisting attorney. He or she will review drafts of your briefs before they are filed and will be available for consultation throughout the process. He or she will be able to help with regularly encountered matters (e.g., briefing, extensions, and oral argument) and may also offer guidance with less routine matters (e.g., scope of review, legislative history, amicus curiae, and certiorari).

Proceedings in review-granted cases in the Supreme Court are governed by California Rules of Court, rules 8.516 to 8.540. A good place to find information is ADI’s Criminal Appellate Practice Manual, § 7.83 et seq., which covers such briefing matters as deadlines and extensions, format, length, color of covers, number of copies, and service, as well as such other matters as oral argument and decision.

If the Supreme Court has deferred action in your case pending its decision in another case (“grant and hold” under rule 8.512(d)(2)), no action other than client communication is required unless the Supreme Court so orders.

If the Supreme Court ultimately remands the case to the Court of Appeal, your appointment will continue in the Court of Appeal, and you will have an opportunity for supplemental briefing. (Rule 8.200(b).)

Please note that ADI does not handle compensation claims in Supreme Court cases. The Court of Appeal non-electronic claim form is used. Claims are sent directly to the Supreme Court. The clerk’s office will answer your questions.

We look forward to working with you.