Justices of the Fifth District Court of Appeal Visit Bakersfield College

Seven of the California Court of Appeal’s justices will travel to Bakersfield College to hold a visit with the students in BC’s Pathway to Law School, political science, and criminal justice programs. During the visit, on October 11, 2018, the justices will hold a panel discussion, answer questions about the legal field, and offer students insight into their roles and responsibilities in the Fireside Room at 3:00 PM.

“Bakersfield College is thrilled to host the justices on campus,” said Dean of Instruction, Cornelio Rodriguez. “Their visit will provide our students a first-hand opportunity to ask questions and learn from these well-respected professionals.”

In partnership with The State Bar of California, the Pathway to Law School initiative at Bakersfield College enhances opportunities and advancement in the legal profession for diverse populations, particularly those who have been underrepresented in the practice of law. The Fifth Appellate District of the Court of Appeal covers nine counties located in central California: Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, Tulare, and Tuolumne. The court conducts hearings in Fresno. The seven justice’s in attendance will be:

- Administrative Presiding Justice, Brad R. Hill
- Associate Justice, Herbert I. Levy
- Associate Justice, Charles S. Poochigian
- Associate Justice, M. Bruce Smith
- Associate Justice, Kathleen A. Meehan
- Associate Justice, Mark W. Snauffer
- Associate Justice, Thomas DeSantos

Bakersfield College provides opportunities for students from diverse economic, cultural, and educational backgrounds to attain Associate and Baccalaureate degrees and certificates, workplace skills, and preparation for transfer. Our rigorous and supportive learning environment fosters students’ abilities to think critically, communicate effectively, and demonstrate competencies and skills in order to engage productively in their communities and the world.

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