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VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

Re: Peruta v. County of San Diego Appellants' Opposition to Richards v. Prieto Appellants' Motion to Align Oral Argument with Related Case

Clerk Dwyer:

We write to inform the Clerk's office that our clients (Appellants in the *Peruta v. County of San Diego* matter, Ninth Circuit Case No. 10-56971) have filed an opposition in their matter to the Motion to Align Oral Argument with Related Case filed by the Appellants in the matter of *Richards v. Prieto*, Ninth Circuit Case No. 11-16255, on May 31, 2011. The Motion to Align has already been assigned to an attorney in the Clerk's Office for review, but *Peruta* Appellants have been informed that there will not be a ruling on the motion until they have had a chance to respond.

Because neither case has yet to be assigned to a merits panel, and because *Peruta* Appellants cannot electronically file their opposition to the Motion to Align on the *Richards* docket, the purpose of this letter is to alert the Clerk's Office that *Peruta* Appellants have filed their opposition to the Motion to Align on their own case docket. And by way of this letter, *Peruta* Appellants also respectfully request that this letter be filed on the docket in the *Richards* matter.

If you have any questions or concerns concerning this letter or our clients' request, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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I hereby certify that on June 8, 2011, I mailed the foregoing document and a copy of *Peruta v. San Diego* Appellants' Opposition to *Richards v. Prieto* Appellants' Motion to Align Oral Argument with Related Case, Filed in Case No. 11-16255 by First-Class Mail, postage prepaid, or have dispatched it to a third party commercial carrier for delivery within 3 calendar days to the following individuals:

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