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MEDIA ADVISORY:

U.S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE O'CONNOR TO THANK D.C. SUPERIOR COURT JURORS FOR SERVICE, SPEAK AT ABA UNVEILING OF PROPOSED "JUROR PRINCIPLES"

U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor will make a special appearance at the District of Columbia courthouse to personally thank jurors for their service on Thursday, Dec. 9, at 1 p.m. **Chief Judge Annice Wagner**, D.C. Court of Appeals, and **Chief Judge Rufus King**, Superior Court of D.C., will join Justice O'Connor.

Justice O'Connor, who is serving as honorary chair of the American Bar Association's Commission on the American Jury, will open a press conference at which **ABA President Robert J. Grey Jr.** and others will outline ABA efforts to modernize jury service. **Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye**, State of New York Court of Appeals and chair of the ABA Commission on the American Jury, will unveil her commission's national outreach campaign. **American Jury Project Chair Patricia Refo** will release new comprehensive principles designed to ease juror service, create more representative panels, and move jury trials into the 21st century. The ABA House of Delegates will consider the principles at its February 2005 meeting.

CONFIRMED MEDIA ONLY. REPORTERS MUST REGISTER BY NOON EST WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8. Advance registration must include names of reporters, videographers, or photographers and any equipment they will bring.

- All press must present government-issued photo credentials.
- All equipment must be in place by 12:45 p.m.
- To protect juror privacy, video and photographs will be allowed only from behind jurors, and no potentially identifying video or photos may be taken.

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- Who:** Participants include:
- Sandra Day O'Connor, associate justice, Supreme Court of the United States
 - Robert J. Grey Jr., president of the American Bar Association
 - Annice M. Wagner, chief judge, District of Columbia Court of Appeals
 - Rufus G. King III, chief judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia
 - Judith S. Kaye, chief judge, State of New York Court of Appeals and chair, American Jury Commission
 - Patricia Refo, chair, American Jury Project
- What:** 1:00 p.m. – O'Connor will meet with prospective jurors
1:30 p.m. – News Conference featuring remarks by O'Connor, followed by release of proposed ABA Juror Principles.
- When:** Thursday, Dec. 9, 1:00 p.m.
- **Check-in opens at noon and closes at 12:50 p.m. Equipment in place by 12:45.**
 - **At 1:30, the event will transition from the jury room to the press conference.**
- Where:** H. Carl Moultrie Courthouse, 500 Indiana Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20001

ADDITIONAL MEDIA GUIDELINES ATTACHED.

GUIDELINES FOR COVERAGE OF AMERICAN JURY INITIATIVE EVENT

WASHINGTON, DC, April 27, 2005 – The following guidelines have been established for coverage of the Dec. 9 photo opportunity and news conference on the American Bar Association's American Jury Initiative, beginning at 1 p.m. in the Jurors' Lounge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia located in the H. Carl Moultrie Courthouse.

- Only representatives of the news media who have government-issued credentials and meet the registration deadline of noon on Wednesday, Dec. 8 will be permitted to attend and cover this event.
- Entry through the main entrance of the courthouse. Please allow time for security screening.
- Proceed to the Board of Judges Conference Room (Room 3300) on the third floor of the Moultrie Courthouse. You will be credentialed and escorted into the jury waiting room.
- Media representatives will be admitted to the media section of the Jurors' Lounge for the Superior Court on Thursday, Dec. 9, beginning at noon.
- All equipment must be ready and in place by 12:45 p.m. Media check in will close at 12:50 p.m.
- There will be designated press seating and an area for camera crews and still photographers approximately 30 feet from the podium.
- The ABA will provide adequate lighting for video and still photography. Auxiliary lighting and flash will not be permitted. A mult box and electrical service will be available. No equipment can be dismantled until the conclusion of the photo opportunity.
- To protect juror privacy, video and photographs will be allowed only from behind jurors, and no potentially identifying video or photos may be taken.
- Justice O'Connor will not be available for additional photos or interviews. Crews will be required to remain in the press area for the duration of the photo opportunity and move to the press conference area immediately following.