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WHAT: FRESNO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 2009-2010 BIENNIAL REPORT

WHEN: MONDAY, MAY 9TH, 2011

WHERE: [Superior Court of California, County of Fresno: 2009-2010 Biennial Report](#)

The Fresno Superior Court is pleased to share this link to our 2009 and 2010 Biennial Report to the Community that was developed by judicial officers and court staff. This is the second time that the Court has posted a status report to the community on www.fresnosuperiorcourt.org and circulated an electronic link to avoid any printing and distribution costs. The biennial report is a snapshot of the work and accomplishments during the two-year term of then presiding judge, the Honorable M. Bruce Smith.

Some of the highlights include:

- Innovative use of technology, such as the groundbreaking Transcript Assembly Program, enables the Court to meet the demand for services today while paving the way for future cost-saving enhancements (page 4).
- Through alternative dispute resolution, approximately 38 percent of civil cases reach a settlement before going to trial (page 7).
- On a typical day more than 75 self-represented litigants in divorce, custody, child support, and guardianship cases seek free information and procedural guidance from the Self-Help Center (page 8).
- People often associate family law with difficult and contentious issues. On a happy note, 391 adoptions were finalized during the two-year period covered by the report (page 9).
- In 2009 and 2010, Fresno Superior Court received a combined total of 451,350 filings for all case types (page 12).

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