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## Retired Senior Deputy District Attorney Successfully Argues in Front of the California Supreme Court

On May 3, 2022, retired Fresno County Senior Deputy District Attorney, Douglas Treisman, successfully argued in front of the California Supreme Court in the case of *People v. Henson*.

Mr. Treisman, who argued on behalf of the People, spent months preparing for the hearing involving the propriety of combining two court cases regarding the same defendant into a single case. It has long been the practice of the Fresno County District Attorney's Office, where circumstances warrant, to join such cases for the purposes of judicial economy and for the convenience of all parties associated with the cases.

In the cases involving Mr. Henson, he had successfully objected in the Fresno County Superior Court to the District Attorney's longstanding practice of consolidating cases. After the unfavorable ruling from the Superior Court, the District Attorney's Writs & Appeals Unit appealed that decision to the Fifth District Court of Appeal. The Court of Appeal reversed the Superior Court's decision and issued a ruling in favor of the District Attorney. Mr. Henson then petitioned the California Supreme Court to review the decision handed down by the Fifth District Court of Appeal. After hearing argument on the case on May 3, 2022, the California Supreme Court ruled in the People's favor on August 1, 2022.

This case represents a meaningful win for judicial efficiency, due process, and justice under the law. It is also an example of a District Attorney's office proactively seeking to preserve the important role prosecutors play in crime charging and criminal procedure, as authorized by the state legislature.

Attached is the opinion issued by the California Supreme Court following Mr. Treisman's successful advocacy.

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