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JUSTICE CODRINGTON SHARES TRIUMPHS AND STRUGGLES OF AFRICAN AMERICAN JUSTICES AND CASES IN THE CALIFORNIA COURTS



LOS ANGELES, CA (February 8, 2012) – The California African American Museum’s (CAAM) History Council presents Conversations at CAAM, February 18, 2012, from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. The Honorable Carol D. Codrington, Associate Justice of the California Courts of Appeal, will discuss African American justices and historic, racially stemmed cases in the California courts. Leading the discussion will be trial attorney and former journalist Valerie D. Morris.

Justice Codrington is the first African American justice appointed to the Fourth District and is currently the only African American female justice in the state. CAAM’s current exhibition *Justice, Balance and Achievements: African Americans and the California Courts* will provide a catalyst for the discussion. The exhibition, on view through May 27, 2012, examines the achievements of African American judicial leadership and how historically significant court cases have shaped the experiences of African Americans and all Californians. Through objects and photos, the exhibition also celebrates the 17 African American justices who served on the Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal in California.

Justice Codrington is a graduate of Loyola Marymount University, where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology, cum laude, and received a Juris Doctorate degree from Loyola Law School. With more than 24 years of experience in the legal profession, Justice Codrington has served as a judicial officer since 2006. For more information visit www.caamuseum.org.

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OTHER EXHIBITIONS IN THE CAAM GALLERIES:

“King in California II” through February 28, 2012

“The African Diaspora in the Art of Miguel Covarrubias: Driven By Color, Shaped By Cultures”
through February 26, 2012

“Women Game Changers: Less Known, Here Celebrated” through March 29, 2012

“Places of Validation, Art & Progression” through April 1, 2012

“Gallery of Discovery” (multi-use education exploration space) ongoing

ABOUT THE CALIFORNIA AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM

The California African American Museum (CAAM) researches, collects, preserves and interprets for public enrichment the history, art and culture of African Americans. Chartered by the California State Legislature in 1977, CAAM is a state supported institution and a partner with the 501(c)(3) non-profit organization Friends, the Foundation of the California African American Museum. In addition to its permanent collection of over 6,000 objects of art, artifacts and historical documents, CAAM also houses a research library containing more than 20,000 volumes, employs and trains high school students through its *Young Docents* program, and hosts in-house curated exhibitions and traveling shows on a regular basis. The museum also tours CAAM exhibitions throughout California and the nation. Located at 600 State Drive in Exposition Park, the museum is open to the public Tuesday-Saturday 10am-5pm, and Sundays 11am-5pm. Admission and workshop participation is always free. Parking in the adjacent lot is \$10.00 all day at Figueroa and 39th Streets. For more information on the California African American Museum visit www.caamuseum.org.

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