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Court Accepts Brief From California Homeschool Groups

A joint brief filed by California's three statewide homeschool organizations has been accepted for consideration by the California Court of Appeal in the case known as *In re Rachel L.* The court's original decision specified, among other things, that parents need a teaching credential to homeschool. The decision was criticized by homeschoolers, teachers and government officials. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell both issued press releases in support of homeschooling, and Assemblyman Joel Anderson introduced a resolution supporting homeschooling to the California Assembly in response to the case. The court granted rehearing and vacated its original decision in March 2008.

California's three statewide homeschool membership organizations -- California Homeschool Network, Christian Home Educators Association of California and Homeschool Association of California -- have been working together for several months in a united effort to preserve independent homeschooling in California. These three organizations represent homeschoolers across the state. Their amicus brief was a cooperative undertaking of the law firms Baker & McKenzie LLP, representing CHN, Munger Tolles & Olson LLP, representing CHEA, and Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, representing HSC.

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