

The [Connecticut Appellate Court](#) will hear arguments in two cases on Thursday, March 9, at the [University of Connecticut School of Law](#).



The visit is part of the Appellate Court's "[On Circuit](#)" program, which provides students, educators and the public with a greater understanding of appellate courts. Since the program began in 1996, the court has heard arguments at [several high school and higher education locations](#).

- **Date, time, place:**

Thursday, March 9, in the Reading Room at the William F. Starr Hall, 45 Elizabeth St., Hartford. The first argument will start at 10 a.m. and the second at 11 a.m. Arguments for each case will last approximately 40 minutes. A question-and-answer period with counsel from the case and students will follow each argument.

- **Cases to be heard:** The first case is [State v. Solomon Taylor](#); the second case is [Benjamin Washburne et al. v. Town of Madison et al.](#) Briefs and case detail for *State v. Taylor* are [here](#); briefs and case details for *Benjamin Washburne et al. v. Town of Madison et al.* are [here](#). Judge Bethany J. Alvord is presiding judge for the arguments and will hear them with Judge Michael R. Sheldon and Judge Eliot D. Prescott.
- [Judge Alvord](#) graduated from the UConn School of Law in 1982; [Judge Prescott](#) in 1992. [Judge Sheldon](#) was a former professor of law at the school before becoming a judge and is a current adjunct professor of law at the school.
- **Access/cameras in court:** The arguments are open to the public. News media organizations may record, broadcast, televise or photograph the arguments in accordance with [Section 70-9 of the Connecticut Practice Book](#) and the Court's [protocol](#).

- **Quotes regarding the visit:**

- *Presiding Judge Bethany J. Alvord:* “Judges Sheldon, Prescott and I are very much looking forward to holding an Appellate Court “On Circuit” session at the University of Connecticut School of Law, as the three of us all have strong connections to the school. We are grateful for UConn’s invitation and appreciate the efforts of Dean Timothy Fisher, the faculty and staff for handling the necessary arrangements and accommodations. The “On Circuit” sessions provide an additional opportunity for students and others to learn about the appellate process and our system of justice.”

- *UConn School of Law Dean Timothy Fisher:* “It’s a privilege to welcome judges of the Connecticut Appellate Court back to UConn Law. Their visits provide our students with a unique perspective on the workings of the court and an extraordinary opportunity to query accomplished lawyers about their preparation and strategies.”

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