

Connecticut Supreme Court “On Circuit” at UConn School of Law Feb. 27

The [Connecticut Supreme Court](#) will hear arguments in two cases – one criminal, the other, civil -- on Thursday, Feb. 27, at the [University of Connecticut School of Law](#).

The visit is part of the Supreme Court’s “On Circuit” educational program, which provides students, educators and the public with a greater understanding of appellate courts. Since the program began in 1986, the court has heard arguments at several high schools and higher education locations.



- **Date, time, place:** Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020. The first argument will start at 10 a.m., the second, at 11:30 a.m. They both will be heard in the [UConn School of Law’s William F. Starr Hall, 55 Elizabeth St., Hartford](#). Arguments for each case should last approximately one hour. A question-and-answer period

with counsel from the case, students and faculty will follow each argument.

- **First case to be heard:** The 10 a.m. case is [State v. Ricardo Correa](#), from the Stamford Judicial District. The case involves: 1) the question of whether a warrantless search conducted by a canine sniff outside the door of the defendant’s motel room constituted an illegal search under the state Constitution; and 2) whether the police officer’s warrantless visual sweep of the defendant’s motel room was justified by exigent circumstances.
- **Second case to be heard:** The 11:30 a.m. case is [Antonio Vitti v. City of Milford](#), from the Compensation Review Board. The case involves the question of whether the plaintiff is entitled to a permanent partial disability award for 100 percent loss of his heart following a heart transplant.
- **Camera rules:** If a media organization wishes to submit a camera request, please review [Chapter 70 of the Connecticut Practice Book](#) and the [Protocol for the Broadcasting, Televising, Recording or Photographing of Supreme Court Oral Arguments](#).
- **Quote regarding the visit:**
 - [Chief Justice Richard A. Robinson](#): “It is always a pleasure to hold arguments at the UConn School of Law. Students not only have a real-time opportunity to see the appellate process in action, but these future attorneys also see first-hand the skills necessary for effective appellate advocacy. The Court can think of no better

way to facilitate their learning. We are also grateful, as always, to the law school for its hospitality.”

- UConn School of Law Dean Timothy Fisher: “We are pleased to welcome the Connecticut Supreme Court back to UConn Law. Their sessions on our campus provide students with unique insights on the way the law is developed. They also are able to watch accomplished lawyers at the peak of their craft, then question them about the arguments at the end of the session. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students and our campus.”
- **Contact information:** External Affairs Division, Connecticut Judicial Branch, 860-757-2270.