

**Connecticut Supreme Court Resumes “On Circuit” Program  
with Visit to Eastern Connecticut State University on Oct. 19**



The [Connecticut Supreme Court](#) is resuming its popular “[On Circuit](#)” program and is scheduled to hear two cases at [Eastern Connecticut State University, 83 Windham St., Willimantic](#), on Wednesday, Oct. 19. The pandemic forced the program’s suspension in 2020.

The program provides students, educators, and the public with a greater understanding of the appellate process. The Supreme Court has heard arguments at [several universities and colleges](#) since the program began in 1986; the justices first visited Eastern in 2003, and this is their second visit to the campus.

- **When & where:** Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022, in Eastern’s [Fine Arts Instructional Center](#) (pictured). The first argument will start at **10 a.m.**; the second case is scheduled to start at **11:30 a.m.** A 20-minute question-and-answer period with counsel from the case, students, and faculty will follow each argument. Please allow enough time to clear security upon arrival; also, no backpacks will be allowed inside the center.
- **First case to be heard:** The 10 a.m. case is [State of Connecticut v. Shaila M. Curet](#), from the Waterbury Judicial District. At issue is whether the Appellate Court correctly concluded that warrantless entry by police into the defendant’s apartment was not justified under the Exigent Circumstances Doctrine or the Emergency Doctrine ([case detail and briefs](#)).
- **Second case to be heard:** The 11:30 a.m. case is [John Drumm, Chief of Police, et al. v. Freedom of Information Commission et al.](#), from the New Britain Judicial District. At issue is whether the trial court erred in determining that requested police records were not exempt from disclosure under state law and whether the trial court erred in concluding that substantial evidence in the record supported the FOIC’s findings ([case detail and briefs](#)).
- **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](#).
- **Quotes regarding the visit:**
  - *Chief Justice Richard A. Robinson:* “We are so pleased to resume the ‘On Circuit’ program with a visit to Eastern’s beautiful campus. This is the second time we’ve heard arguments at Eastern, and it is always a pleasure to be there to educate students about the appellate process. We are very grateful to the university for its hospitality and assistance in planning the event and to Volunteer Attorney Cody Guarnieri, himself a graduate of Eastern, and faculty at Eastern for familiarizing the students with the cases and appellate process.”

- *Dr. Elsa Núñez, President of Eastern Connecticut State University:* “Eastern is extremely proud to welcome the Connecticut Supreme Court justices back to our lovely campus for their ‘On Circuit’ program on Oct. 19. Our students and community will gain powerful knowledge of the inner workings of our justice system by watching the justices deliberate the two cases on their docket that day. At Eastern, employability is a major focus, and having our students watch the justices engaged in debate may persuade these young people to one day pursue a law career. Thank you for choosing Eastern as the first location to resume this wonderful program in Connecticut.”
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