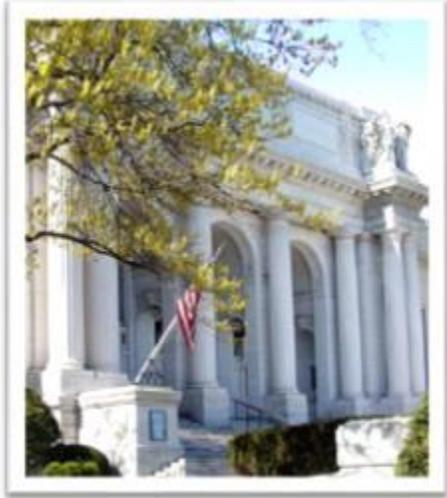


## **Release of Slip Opinions to be Announced Prior to Posting on Website**

**WHAT:** Effective Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019, public notice of forthcoming Supreme Court and Appellate Court “slip opinions” will be posted on the Judicial Branch’s website ([jud.ct.gov](http://jud.ct.gov)) prior to the opinion’s full release.



**WHY IT MATTERS:** Currently, advance release opinions from the Supreme Court and Appellate Court are posted on the Judicial Branch’s Advance Release Opinion page. Public notice that these opinions are forthcoming is usually posted by 8:30 a.m. on any given day, and the opinion is fully accessible to the public and media at 11:30 a.m.

Slip opinions have an effective date that is the same day that they are issued. All juvenile court cases are released as slip opinions, and other types of cases may be issued as slip opinions as well. When an opinion is “slipped,” it typically is placed on the Advance Release Opinion page in the afternoon. However, prior to the upcoming change on Nov. 12, there was no notice beforehand that the decision would be forthcoming, creating the possibility that you might not know that an opinion had been released in a case that you had been following.

**SO WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?** If you are tracking the release of an opinion in a Supreme Court or Appellate Court case, continue to regularly check the Advance Release Opinion page by 8:30 a.m. on any given day. With the change, you should also check the Advance Release Opinion page in the afternoon. Notice of forthcoming cases that will be released on a given day will be posted at 1 p.m., and they will be fully available at approximately 3 p.m.

**WHAT’S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN ADVANCE RELEASE OPINION AND A SLIP OPINION?** Advance release opinions are court opinions that are scheduled to be released in advance of their publication in the Connecticut Law Journal. As noted above, slip opinions have an effective date that is the same day that they are issued.