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**PRESS ADVISORY:**

**Supreme Court "On Circuit" Oct. 24 at New Haven's Wilbur Cross High School**

The Connecticut Supreme Court will travel to Wilbur Cross High School at 181 Mitchell Drive in New Haven on Wednesday, Oct. 24, to hear arguments in two criminal cases, as part of the Court's annual "On Circuit" program. The arguments are open to the public and will occur in the school auditorium.

An educational initiative that started more than 25 years ago, the "On Circuit" program provides students, educators and the public with a greater understanding of the Court and its role and procedures.

"The Court is excited about the trip to Wilbur Cross, from which Justice Lubbie Harper Jr. graduated in 1961," Chief Justice Chase T. Rogers said. "We're very grateful to the New Haven public schools and the staff and students at Wilbur Cross for their hospitality. We hope that the students have a memorable and educational morning."

"This is an historic occasion for our high school, and we are thrilled to have the Supreme Court at Wilbur Cross," Principal Peggy Moore said. "Our students and staff are looking forward to the arguments, and it's also wonderful to have Justice Harper back at his alma mater."

At 9:30 a.m., the Court will hear the case of *State of Connecticut v. Markease Hill*; the second case, *State of Connecticut v. Michael Angelo DeMarco*, will start at 11 a.m.

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## **2-2-2-2 Supreme Court “On Circuit”**

Information on the cases may be found at <http://blog.ctbriefsonline.com/?cat=51>. Arguments in each case will last approximately one hour. A question-and-answer period with counsel from the case, teachers and students will follow each argument.

Through the efforts of the New Haven County Bar Association’s Public Service Committee, several area attorneys volunteered to help prepare the students in advance of the arguments, including: Joy Avallone, Sean Barrett, Peter Billings, Margaret Castinado, Willie Dow, Philip Kent, Michelle Morrell, Steve Murphy, Joseph Packtor, Rosemarie Payne, Susan Red, Tom Sansone and Matt Wiley. “The work that these attorneys do with the students before the arguments is invaluable, in that the students walk into the auditorium knowing what to expect,” Chief Justice Rogers said.

News media organizations may record, broadcast, televise and photograph the arguments in accordance with the rules governing cameras and audio equipment in the Supreme Court, and the Court’s protocol, [http://www.jud.ct.gov/external/supapp/protocol\\_sup\\_oral\\_argu.htm](http://www.jud.ct.gov/external/supapp/protocol_sup_oral_argu.htm). Please note that the protocol requires media outlets to make pooling arrangements among themselves if there are multiple camera requests for the same argument. Please also note that mufflers are required for still cameras.

Judicial marshals will screen everyone entering the auditorium, and bladed or pointed items, weapons, food and beverages are not allowed. In addition, it is recommended that guests not bring in briefcases, backpacks, or bags.

For additional information about this program, please contact the External Affairs Division at 860-757-2270.

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