

Connecticut Supreme Court “On Circuit” at Trinity College Oct. 17

The [Connecticut Supreme Court](#) will hear arguments in two cases, one criminal and the other civil, on Wednesday, Oct. 17, at Trinity College, located at 300 Summit St. in Hartford.



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 the appellate process. Since the program began in 1986, the court has heard arguments at several high school and higher education locations.

- **Date, time, place:**

Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2018, on the [second floor of Mather Hall](#). The first argument will start at 10 a.m.; the second case is scheduled to start at 11:30 a.m. A question-and-answer period with counsel from the case, students and faculty will follow each argument.

- **Cases to be heard:** The 10 a.m. case is [State of Connecticut v. Jean Jacques, case detail and briefs](#). The second case is [Austin Haughwout v. Laura Tordenti et al., case detail and briefs](#). A panel of seven justices will hear each case. Justice Richard N. Palmer, who received his Bachelor of Arts degree, Phi Beta Kappa, from Trinity in 1972, will be on both panels. Senior Justice Christine S. Vertefeuille, who received her Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Trinity in 1972, will sit on the second panel.

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:* “The Supreme Court is very much looking forward to hearing arguments at Trinity College, and we are thrilled that Justice Palmer and Justice Vertefeuille will be part of the visit to their alma mater. Trinity has been a gracious and welcoming host, and we thank everyone who has been involved with the planning, including staff and volunteer attorneys who have familiarized the students with the cases and appellate process. We fully expect that this real-life opportunity to see the Supreme Court in action will

be an invaluable experience for the students.”

- *Trinity College President Joanne Berger-Sweeney*: “It is an honor for our campus community to host the ‘On Circuit’ program at Trinity. We are proud to count distinguished Justices Palmer and Vertefeuille among our alumni, and I thank them for the tremendous example they set for our students every day. I’m also grateful to the Trinity students and faculty members who worked in concert with the Connecticut Judicial Branch to bring this unique opportunity to campus to educate students and area residents about the role and responsibilities of the appellate system.”
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