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**PRESS ADVISORY:**

**Supreme Court “On Circuit” Oct. 29 at Tolland High School**

The [Connecticut Supreme Court](#) will travel to [Tolland High School](#), at 1 Eagle Hill, Tolland, on Tuesday, Oct. 29, to hear arguments in two cases as part of the Court’s annual “[On Circuit](#)” program. Students from Bolton and East Catholic high schools also will attend the arguments, which will occur in the school auditorium.

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

“The Court is very excited about the trip to Tolland High School,” Chief Justice Chase T. Rogers said. “We enjoy going to schools as part of the ‘On Circuit’ program, and we’re grateful to Tolland High School’s staff and students for their hospitality. This is a tremendous learning opportunity, and we’re pleased that students from other area high schools can also attend.”

“We are extremely fortunate to be hosting the Connecticut Supreme Court ‘On Circuit’ program,” Tolland High School Principal Dominique Fox said. “This unique opportunity provides our students, as well as other area students, with an authentic, ‘real-time’ experience to acquire a deeper understanding of the Connecticut court system. Through the synopses provided by the volunteer attorneys, observations of the oral arguments and participation in a question-and-answer period following the arguments, students will expand their knowledge of the appellate system.”

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## 2-2-2-2 Supreme Court “On Circuit”

The Court will hear the criminal case of [\*State of Connecticut v. Robert Eleck\*](#) at 9:30 a.m. The second case, [\*Roland Todd White v. Mazda Motor of America, Inc.\*](#), is a civil matter and will start at 11 a.m. Briefs are available in both cases at <http://blog.ctbriefsonline.com/>, and arguments in each case will last approximately one hour. A question-and-answer period with counsel from the case, teachers, students and volunteer attorneys will follow each argument.

Several area attorneys volunteered to help prepare the students in advance of the arguments, including: AnnMarie Alexander; Paul S. Bailin; Malcolm F. Barlow; Martin B. Burke; Cynthia Barlow, Public Defender’s Office; Justin R. Clark; Matthew C. Gedansky, State’s Attorney, Judicial District of Tolland; Michael Kopsick; and Assistant Attorney General John Langmaid.

“The ‘On Circuit’ program is the success that it is in large part because of the tremendous amount of work these attorneys put into prepping students beforehand,” Chief Justice Rogers said. “We appreciate all that they do to ensure that the students know what to expect.”

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](#). Please note that 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.

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