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PRESS ADVISORY:

Supreme Court “On Circuit” Oct. 21 at Fairfield Warde High School

The [Connecticut Supreme Court](#) will travel to [Fairfield Warde High School](#), at 755 Melville Ave. in Fairfield on Tuesday, Oct. 21, to hear arguments in two 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. Besides students from Fairfield Warde, students from Fairfield Ludlowe High School, Fairfield College Preparatory School and Weston High School will attend Tuesday’s arguments.

“The Court very much enjoys educating students about our judicial system,” [Chief Justice Chase T. Rogers](#) said. “This program is exceptional, in that it provides students the opportunity to hear actual arguments at their school. We are very grateful to Fairfield Warde High School for its hospitality, and we look forward to the visit.”

“We are grateful to the Connecticut Supreme Court justices and their staff for making this unique learning experience available to our students,” Fairfield Warde Headmaster James J. Coyne said. “The students will get to see first-hand an aspect of our democracy that is a wonderful resource in our role of preparing the citizens of tomorrow.”

At 10:15 a.m., the Court will hear the case of [State of Connecticut v. Thomas F. Bonilla](#), from the Waterbury Judicial District. The second case, [Gregoria Campos, Administratrix of the Estate of Jose Campos, et al. v. Robert Coleman et al.](#), from the New Haven Judicial District, will

start at 11:45 a.m. Briefs are available for [State v. Bonilla](#) and [Campos v. Coleman](#). 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.

Several area attorneys volunteered to help prepare the students in advance of the arguments, including: Douglas Brown; Deborah Cannavino; Katherine Caulfield; Robert Clark; Craig Goldberg; Victoria Goss; Mark Gurevitz; Eric Higgins; Anne LeVasseur; Patrick R. Linsey; George Markley; Richard Meehan Jr.; Adam Mocchiolo; Thomas Noonan; Jason Prueher; Frank Riccio; Samuel Schoonmaker IV; and Christopher Sugar. Attorney Linsey coordinated the volunteer attorneys' work with the students.

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 the following: the protocol requires media outlets to make pooling arrangements among themselves if there are multiple camera requests for the same argument; mufflers are required for still cameras during the arguments; and requests to videotape or photograph the question-and-answer period after the arguments should go through the school.

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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