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PRESS ADVISORY:

Appellate Court “On Circuit” April 14 at UConn Law School

The [Connecticut Appellate Court](#) will hear two cases at the [University of Connecticut School of Law](#) on Tuesday, April 14, as part of the Court’s annual “On Circuit” program.

This educational initiative began in 1996 and is intended to provide students, educators and the public with a greater understanding of the court and its role and procedures. The arguments, which are open to the public, will occur in the Reading Room at the William F. Starr Hall, located at 45 Elizabeth St., Hartford.

The [Hon. Alexandra D. DiPentima](#), chief judge of the Appellate Court, will serve as presiding judge for both cases. She will be joined by [Judge Douglas S. Lavine](#) and [Judge Bethany J. Alvord](#). All three judges are graduates of the UConn School of Law.

“Judges Lavine, Alvord and I are very much looking forward to holding an Appellate Court ‘On Circuit’ session at our alma mater, the University of Connecticut School of Law,” Judge DiPentima said. “We are grateful for UConn’s invitation and appreciate the efforts of Dean Timothy Fisher, the faculty and staff for the necessary arrangements and accommodations. The ‘On Circuit’ sessions provide an additional opportunity for students and others to learn about the appellate process and our system of justice.”

“We eagerly anticipate this session of the Appellate Court,” Dean Fisher said.

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“It will give our students a chance to experience high-level advocacy on a firsthand basis, while further cementing the close relationship between the UConn School of Law and the Connecticut judiciary.”

The first case, *State of Connecticut v. Gilberto Marrero-Alejandro*, will be heard at 10 a.m., and the second case, *Jamie Melendez v. John DeLeo*, will be heard at 11 a.m. Arguments in each case will last approximately 40 minutes. A question-and-answer period will follow each argument.

News media organizations may record, broadcast, televise or photograph the arguments in accordance with [Section 70-9 of the Connecticut Practice Book](#) and the Court’s [protocol](#). 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 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. Guests are requested to not bring in briefcases, backpacks or large bags.

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