

Connecticut Appellate Court “On Circuit” at Wethersfield High School April 16



The Connecticut Appellate Court will hear arguments in two cases on Tuesday, April 16, at Wethersfield High School, 411 Wolcott Hill Road.

The visit is part of the Appellate Court’s “On Circuit” program, which provides students, educators and the public with a greater understanding of appellate courts. Since the program began in 1996, the court has heard arguments at several high school and higher education locations.

- **Date, time, place: Tuesday, April 16, 2019:** The first argument will start at 10 a.m., the second, at 11 a.m. They both will be heard in the school’s auditorium. Arguments for each case should last approximately 40 minutes. A question-and-answer period with counsel from the case, students and faculty will follow each argument.
- **Cases to be heard:** The first case is State v. Carlton Bryan.; the second case is Andrzej Kusy v. City of Norwich et al. Briefs and case details for both cases are available through the Appellate Court case lookup webpage. Judge Christine E. Keller, who graduated from Wethersfield High School, is presiding judge for the arguments and will be joined by Judge Eliot D. Prescott and Judge Ingrid L. Moll.
- **Access/cameras in court:** The arguments are open to the public. 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.
- **Quotes regarding the visit:**
 - *Presiding Judge Christine E. Keller:* “Judges Prescott, Moll and I are very much looking forward to holding an Appellate Court ‘On Circuit’ session at Wethersfield High School. These ‘On Circuit’ sessions provide opportunities for students and others to learn about the appellate process and our system of justice. We are grateful for the invitation and appreciate the efforts of Superintendent Michael Emmett, Principal Thomas Moore and all of the faculty and staff for making the necessary arrangements. We also greatly appreciate the efforts of Attorney Matthew Forrest and the other volunteer attorneys for preparing the students for this experience.”

- *Wethersfield Schools Superintendent Michael Emmett:* “Wethersfield High School is very excited to host the Appellate Court ‘On Circuit’ session at Wethersfield High School. This is a unique opportunity for our students, staff and community members to experience an authentic court session. The ability to have a question-and-answer session with the attorneys following arguments will provide those in attendance an understanding of the judicial process. In Wethersfield, we look to engage students in learning opportunities that strengthen their civic skills necessary for a strong and active democratic process in Wethersfield and beyond. On behalf of the district, I wish to thank the court for offering us such a powerful learning opportunity.”

- *Wethersfield Attorney and Town Council Member Matthew Forrest:* ”I am very excited that the entire Wethersfield community will have a chance to see our Appellate Court in action at our own newly renovated Wethersfield High School. The entire public is welcome to come see the event. Two cases -- a review of a murder case possibly based on hearsay, and a case deciding whether the government should be immune from litigation involving injury at a school -- will be heard. After each case, lawyers will be available for questions from the students and the public. As a member of the Town Council and the bar, I want to sincerely thank the Appellate Court for accepting our invitation to come to Wethersfield and demonstrate first hand our judicial system in action. It will be a truly unique event.”

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