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PRESS ADVISORY:

Appellate Court “On Circuit” Oct. 25 at Westhill High School in Stamford

The Connecticut Appellate Court will travel to Westhill High School in Stamford on Tuesday, Oct. 25, to hear arguments in two cases, one criminal and one civil. The arguments, which are free and open to the public, will occur at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in the auditorium of the high school, located at 125 Roxbury Road.

The arguments are part of the Appellate Court’s “On Circuit” program. This educational initiative started 15 years ago and provides students, educators and the public with a greater understanding of the Court. Prior to arguments, members of the Fairfield County Bar Association will meet with students to provide an overview of the court system and the cases to be argued.

Appellate Court Judge Richard A. Robinson is coordinating the visit to Westhill – from which he graduated in 1975. “We need to take advantage of every opportunity we have to teach students about civics,” Judge Robinson said. “Visits such as the one to Westhill are a great way to do that.”

He added: “We are extremely grateful to Westhill for hosting this event and also to the Fairfield County Bar Association for its role in helping prepare the students for this day.”

Judge Robinson will be joined on the bench by Judge Carmen E. Espinosa and Judge

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Joseph H. Pellegrino.

Westhill Principal Camille Figluizzi said: “Having the Appellate Court on Circuit at Westhill is an honor for our entire school community. The teachers and students in Civics, Law and Justice, and AP Government classes are looking forward both to the classroom and presentations by attorneys from the Fairfield County Bar Association this week and to the actual court cases next week. We’re particularly pleased to welcome back Judge Robinson, who happens to be a Westhill graduate. We are delighted to have been chosen and look forward to an informative, interactive and engaging day next Tuesday.”

The criminal case, *State of Connecticut v. Charles Marshall*, is at 9:30 a.m., and the civil case, *Patrick Wood v. Club, LLC, et al*, at 10:30 a.m. Arguments in each case will last approximately 40 minutes. A question-and-answer period with counsel from the case, members of the Fairfield County Bar Association, and Westhill faculty will follow each argument. Judges do not participate in these discussions.

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, http://www.jud.ct.gov/external/supapp/protocol_sup_oral_argu.htm . Please contact the External Affairs Division at 860-757-2270 for further information regarding 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, purses or bags.

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