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PRESS ADVISORY:

Supreme Court "On Circuit" Oct. 19 at Western Connecticut State University

The Connecticut Supreme Court will travel to Western Connecticut State University in Danbury on Wednesday, Oct. 19, to hear arguments in two cases, one civil and one criminal. The arguments, both of which are free and open to the public, will occur at 10 a.m. and noon at the university's Westside Campus Center Ballroom.

The arguments at WCSU are part of the Supreme Court's "On Circuit" program, an educational initiative started more than 25 years ago. The program is intended to provide students, educators and the public with a greater understanding of the Court and its role and procedures.

"We are excited about our visit to Western Connecticut State University, where students will get a first-hand look at how the Court works," Chief Justice Chase T. Rogers said. "We're also very grateful to university President James W. Schmutter and his staff for their hospitality."

"This will be a wonderful opportunity for our students and members of the community," President Schmutter said. "Our professors in Justice and Law Administration have spent the past few weeks preparing students for this day, which I think will provide a fascinating real-life experience."

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The program will begin with brief welcoming remarks from President Schmotter. The civil case, *Virginia Stewart v. Town of Watertown et al*, will be heard at 10 a.m., and the criminal case, *State of Connecticut v. Alia Altajir*, at noon. Information on both cases may be found at <http://blog.ctbriefsonline.com/?m=201109>. Arguments in each case will last approximately one hour. A question-and-answer period with counsel from the case and WCSU professors will follow each argument; former Supreme Court clerks will lead the sessions.

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 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 a muffler is required for a still camera. News media representatives do not need to pool if they wish to videotape, broadcast, televise, record or photograph the opening remarks or the question-and-answer period.

Judicial marshals will screen everyone entering the ballroom, 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.

For additional information about this program, please contact the External Affairs Division at 860-757-2270.

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