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Supreme Court to hear Argument Docket at West Virginia State University

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INSTITUTE, W.Va. – The Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia will travel to West Virginia State University in Institute for the first time on April 24 to hear arguments in four cases.

“The Justices look forward to being in the community, hearing cases outside the Court Chamber in the State Capitol. We are happy to visit the campus of West Virginia State and to be in the company of students, faculty, administrators, and neighbors,” said Chief Justice Brent D. Benjamin.

Students and the public are invited to attend the proceedings in the James C. Wilson University Union, Room 134.

The Argument Docket will begin at 10 a.m. and will continue until it is complete. The Court will hear the following cases. Documents filed in each of the cases are available through links on the Court website:

www.courtswv.gov/supreme-court/calendar/2013/dockets/april-24-13ad.html

Rule 20 Argument Docket

SER Olen L. York v. Office of Disciplinary Counsel and West Virginia Lawyer Disciplinary Board, No. 12-1410. Milton attorney Olen L. York seeks a writ of prohibition presenting the question of whether the Office of Disciplinary Counsel and West Virginia Lawyer Disciplinary Board are without jurisdiction under federal preemption principles to prosecute an alleged violation of the Code of Professional Responsibility against a patent lawyer who is not of member of the West Virginia State Bar.

Rule 19 Argument Docket

State of West Virginia v. Charles Edward Bruffey, No. 12-0189. Petitioner Charles Edward Bruffey appeals his Mineral County conviction for robbery on evidentiary grounds.

State of West Virginia v. Clayton Rogers, No. 11-0621. Petitioner appeals his Kanawha County conviction for first degree murder with a sentence of life without parole. He asks the Court to reverse his conviction and order that his statement be suppressed and to reverse his conviction and remand the case for a new trial.

State of West Virginia v. Ronald Whetzel, Jr., No. 12-0254. Petitioner appeals his transfer to adult jurisdiction in Berkeley County and his sentence of forty years for first-degree robbery.

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