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Intermediate Court of Appeals to Hear Arguments at Fairmont State University

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The Intermediate Court of Appeals of West Virginia (ICA) will hear an argument docket at Fairmont State University on Tuesday, March 19, as part of its ICA On Campus program.

The ICA hears an argument docket outside of Charleston twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall, on a college or university campus in West Virginia. The first ICA On Campus program was held at Concord University on Sept. 21, 2023.

On the day of the court visit, students will hear arguments in real cases before the ICA and then have an opportunity to talk to the attorneys who argued each case immediately after that argument concludes. After the argument docket is over, the judges will be available informally to answer questions about the judiciary.

“Fairmont State University is excited to host the ICA On-Campus,” said University President Michael K. Davis. “As a public university, it is our duty to bring issues that are relevant to West Virginians to our campus, and I can think of no better way to do so than to host these legal proceedings. This provides our students and the public the opportunity to see the court work firsthand and contributes to our understanding of the role of the courts in civil society. We hope this is the beginning of a fruitful partnership that will grow in the years to come.”

The argument docket will begin at 10 a.m. The four cases will be:

- *Alexander Fleming, Carole Carter, Carol Gallant, Barbara Humes, and Benjamin Buckley v. Mitch Carmichael, in his Official Capacity as Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Economic Development, and Mike Graney, in his Official Capacity as Executive Director of the West Virginia Department of Economic Development*, No. 23-ICA-174.
- *West Virginia Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation v. Francis Iacovone, Individually and as Administrator of the Estate of Rocco Iacovone*, No. 23-ICA-148.

- *Charleston Gazette-Mail d/b/a, HD Media, LLC v. West Virginia University Board of Governors*, No. 23-ICA-248.
- *St. Joseph's Hospital of Buckhannon, Inc., d/b/a St. Joseph's Hospital v. Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital Company and West Virginia Healthcare Authority*, No. 23-ICA-265.

All four cases are Rule 20 arguments. The number refers to the Rules of Appellate procedure.

Cases set for Rule 20 arguments involve issues of first impression or of fundamental public importance; constitutional questions regarding the validity of a statute, municipal ordinance, or court ruling; and cases involving inconsistencies or conflicts among the decisions of lower tribunals.

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