

Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia



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Supreme Court to Hear Arguments at WVU School of Law

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MORGANTOWN, W.Va. – The Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia will hear arguments in four cases on Wednesday, April 17, at the West Virginia University College of Law's Marlyn E. Lugar Courtroom.

Doors will open at 9 a.m. and arguments will begin at 10 a.m. The event is free and open to the public. Chief Justice Tim Armstead and Justices John Hutchison, William R. Wooton, and C. Haley Bunn are graduates of the WVU College of Law.

The Court will hear the following cases in Morgantown:

Rule 20 Argument

10:00 a.m., Potomac Comprehensive Diagnostic & Guidance Center v. L.K. and D.S., by their guardian and conservator Kelly Young, No. 22-0340.

Rule 19 Arguments

10:40 a.m., State of West Virginia v. Brian E. Lyon II, No. 22-0042.

11:00 a.m. Lewis Springer and Karen Springer v. Wes Runyan, Tammy Runyan, Tracy Wilson, and David Wilson, No. 22-586.

11:20 a.m. Roman Realty, LLC v. City of Morgantown, No. 22-587.

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.

Cases suitable for Rule 19 argument include but are not limited to (1) cases involving assignments of error in the application of settled law, (2) cases claiming an unsustainable exercise of discretion where the law governing that discretion is settled, (3) cases claiming insufficient evidence or a result against the weight of the evidence, (4) cases involving a narrow issue of law, and (5) cases in which a hearing is required by law.

Documents filed in the cases are available on the West Virginia Judiciary website: SCA - Arguments - 4/17/2024 | West Virginia Judiciary (courtswv.gov).