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Intermediate Court of Appeals to Hear Arguments at Davis and Elkins College on Constitution Day

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The Intermediate Court of Appeals of West Virginia (ICA) will hear an argument docket at Davis and Elkins College on Tuesday, September 17, as part of its ICA On Campus program.

The event in the Harper-McNeeley Auditorium in the Myles Center for the Arts is open to the public.

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. This visit will happen on Constitution Day, recognized federally every year on September 17 as the anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution.

The three ICA judges and members of their staff will present lectures and lead discussions in Davis & Elkins College political science and criminology classes in the coming week. They also will visit West Virginia Wesleyan College, Elkins High School, and Tygarts Valley High School, and those students are invited to watch the arguments.

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

Chief ICA Judge Thomas E. Scarr said, “We really look forward to having oral arguments on campus at Davis & Elkins, and also the opportunity to meet and talk with the students. It is particularly special to host this event on Constitution Day.”

ICA Judge Charles O. Lorensen said, “We hope this provides an opportunity for Davis & Elkins students and others to gain insight from attending arguments about interesting legal issues at their home campus.”

“This is our third ICA On-Campus event, and we are privileged to partner with Davis & Elkins College to make this event a success,” said ICA Judge Daniel W. Greer.

Davis & Elkins College President Chris Wood said, “We are thrilled to welcome the Intermediate Court of Appeals of West Virginia to our campus, particularly on Constitution Day, a day dedicated to celebrating and understanding our nation’s founding principles. The Judges' outreach and engagement with D&E students in classes and across campus, coupled with the invaluable opportunity to witness oral arguments firsthand, will undoubtedly deepen their understanding of the judicial process.

“We're equally excited that their outreach extends to West Virginia Wesleyan College, local high schools, and the local community. This experience will underscore the importance of civic engagement and inspire the next generation of leaders in our state,” Wood said.

The argument docket will begin at 9:30 a.m. The four cases will be:

- *In re: Expungement of Record of N.B.*, No. 23-ICA-430.
- *A.D.A., as next friend of L.R.A., a minor child under the age of 18 v. Johnson & Johnson, et al.*, No. 23-ICA-275, *as next friend of J.J.S., a minor child under the age of 18 v. Johnson & Johnson, et al.*, No. 23-ICA-276; and *Circuit Court of Kanawha County Mass Litigation Panel, 22-C-9000 NAS*, No. 23-ICA-307.
- *Damon McDowell, Mary McDowell, and DeeAnna Rae Lawson v. Allstate Vehicle and Property Insurance Company*, No. 23-ICA-406.
- *The Silver Creek Association, Inc., et al. v. Matthew Irby, in his official capacity as State Tax Commissioner of the State of West Virginia, and Johnny Pritt, in his official capacity as Assessor of Pocahontas County, West Virginia*, No. 23-ICA-372.

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