



# Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia

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## Supreme Court to Hear Arguments at Williamstown Middle-High School

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WILLIAMSTOWN, W.Va. – The Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia will hear an argument docket at Wood County’s Williamstown Middle/High School on Tuesday, October 8, as part of its Legal Advancement for West Virginia Students (LAWS) civics education program.

For LAWS, the Supreme Court hears an argument docket outside of Charleston either at a county courthouse or a school auditorium, and high school students from that county – and sometimes from nearby counties – attend.

On October 8, students from Jackson County’s Ripley and Ravenswood High Schools and Wood County’s Parkersburg, Parkersburg South, and Williamstown High Schools will hear arguments in three cases.

The media is invited to attend the program at the school, which is located at 219 West 5th Street in Williamstown.

All the cases will be webcast live on the court system’s YouTube channel, accessible through a link on the West Virginia Judiciary website ([courtswv.gov](http://courtswv.gov)).

For LAWS dockets, local attorneys visit the schools prior to oral arguments to explain the appellate process and to help students study the cases. On the day of the court visit, students have an opportunity to talk to the attorneys who argue each case immediately after that argument concludes.

Since LAWS was established in 1999, more than 7,000 students from 37 counties have participated.

“The Supreme Court is dedicated to providing opportunities for West Virginia students to better understand our court system. The LAWS program teaches students the importance of the rule of law in our state and country and emphasizes that courts are open to all our citizens to settle disputes fairly and in

a civil manner,” said Supreme Court Chief Justice Tim Armstead. “We also hope the LAWS program will inspire students to pursue careers in the legal profession or in some other form of public service.”

The argument docket will begin at 10 a.m. and end around 11:30 a.m.

The cases on the docket are as follows:

- 10 a.m. State of West Virginia v. Sean Allen Taylor, No. 23-120.
- 10:30 a.m. Douglas S. Rockwell and Carol Rockwell v. Jefferson County Board of Zoning Appeals and Rippon Energy Facility, LLC, No. 23-369.
- 11 a.m. Donald Gwinn v. JP Morgan Chase, No. 23-172.

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