



# Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia

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### Intermediate Court of Appeals to Conduct Argument Docket at Shepherd University

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The Intermediate Court of Appeals of West Virginia (ICA) will visit Shepherd University on Tuesday, Sept. 16, to hear an argument docket as part of its ICA On-Campus program. The Court is being hosted on campus by the Stubblefield Institute for Civil Political Communications.

The event in the university's Frank Center for the Arts is open to the public. Doors will open at 9:15 a.m. with the argument docket beginning at 10 a.m.

The ICA hears an argument docket outside of Charleston twice a year, once in the spring term and once in the fall term, on a college or university campus in West Virginia.

Students from nearby high schools also are invited to attend. Prior to the event, the three ICA judges and members of their staff visited classrooms to present lectures and lead discussions to help students understand the appellate process and the West Virginia court system.

On the day of the ICA's visit to Shepherd University, students will hear arguments in real cases and then have an opportunity to question the arguing attorneys. After the argument docket is over, the judges will be available informally to answer general questions about the judiciary during lunch with the students and public.

"The ICA On-Campus program gives students a tremendous opportunity to learn about West Virginia's judicial system and witness it working firsthand," said ICA Chief Judge Charles O. Lorensen. "I want to thank Shepherd University for agreeing to host this event and we look forward to providing a fascinating learning experience for local Eastern Panhandle college and high school students."

"It is an honor to bring this unique experience to our students and community," said Dr. Mary J.C. Hendrix, president of Shepherd University. "It is through opportunities like these that Shepherd students and those attending from area middle and high schools develop critical thinking skills, civic responsibility, and an understanding of government and the judicial process—all imperative to becoming engaged citizens in our world."

“The Stubblefield Institute is excited to help bring the West Virginia Intermediate Court of Appeals to the Eastern Panhandle for the first time,” said Ashley Horst, executive director of the Stubblefield Institute. “We believe that having the opportunity to witness and engage in the processes of our governments empowers our students and community to be more active and engaged in those processes throughout their entire lives.”

“The ICA On-Campus program is one of the highlights of serving as an Intermediate Court judge,” said Judge Daniel W. Greear. “In addition to giving students an opportunity to learn about the justice system, we hope this program might help to inspire our state’s youth to pursue a career in the legal field or public service.”

“It’s an honor to be able to take the Intermediate Court on the road to Shepherd University,” said Judge Ryan White. “This program will help Eastern Panhandle students who likely don’t get the chance to visit Charleston that often to witness their government and its judicial branch at work.”

The argument docket for Tuesday will be as follows:

**10 a.m.:** Rule 20 Argument in Case No. 24-ICA-447 & 24-ICA-458: *Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC v. Martha Ann Zinn and Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC v. Mary Beth Naim, Judy Kay Smucker, and Jessica Grim.*

**10:50 a.m.:** Rule 19 Argument in 24-ICA-496: *In Re: Expungement of Record of M.W.*

**11:30 a.m.:** Rule 19 Argument in 25-ICA-16: *National Union Fire Insurance Co. of Pittsburgh, PA, Allianz Global Risks US Insurance Company, ACE American Insurance Company, Zurich American Insurance Company, Great Lakes Insurance SE, XL Insurance America, Inc., General Security Indemnity Co. of Arizona, Aspen Insurance UK Limited, Navigators Management Co., Inc., Ironshore Specialty Insurance Co., Validus Specialty Underwriting Services, Inc., and HDI-Gerling America Insurance Co. v. Westlake Chemical Corp. and Axiall Corp.*

**12:10 p.m.:** Rule 19 Argument in 25-ICA-17: *Westlake Chemical Corp. and Axiall Corp. v. National Union Fire Insurance Co. of Pittsburgh, PA, Allianz Global Risks US Insurance Co., ACE American Insurance Co., Zurich American Insurance Co., Great Lakes Insurance SE, XL Insurance America, Inc., General Security Indemnity Co. of Arizona, Aspen Insurance UK Limited, Navigators Management Company, Inc., Ironshore Specialty Insurance Co., Validus Specialty Underwriting Services, Inc., and HDI-Gerling America Insurance Co.*

**1 to 2 p.m.:** Judges and students lunch in the Wellness Center. (By registration only.)

Additional information is available at: <https://www.shepherd.edu/icpc>.

A full information packet with case information is available here: [Shepherd ICA On Campus Packet](#).

Additional information on the Intermediate Court's docket, including briefs filed in the cases, is available on the Court's docket page at: <https://www.courtsv.vt.gov/appellate-courts/Intermediate-court-of-appeals/current-docket/september>.

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