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Superior Court to Hear Oral Arguments via Telephone Conference

HARRISBURG – The Superior Court of Pennsylvania will hear oral arguments by telephone conference on Thurs. April 30 in four cases that were previously ordered to be submitted on brief.

Superior Court President Judge Jack Panella, Judge Maria McLaughlin and Judge Correale Stevens will hear three arguments on April 30 beginning at 10 a.m., and a second three-judge panel comprised of Superior Court Judges Anne Lazarus, Deborah Kunselman and Daniel McCaffery will hear one argument at 1 p.m.

In response to COVID-19 and in adherence with public health guidelines, the Court issued a <u>Supplemental Order</u> on April 24 stating that all judges and counsel will participate remotely.

These arguments will be accessible to the news media and the public via the following special dial-in numbers that will allow callers to hear the arguments, but will not permit them to speak:

Panel A11 (10:00 AM)

Dial-in: 1-650-479-3207 Access code: 613 512 525

Panel A08 (1:00 PM)

Dial-in: 1-650-479-3207 Access code: 618 002 650

Created in 1895, the Superior Court assists the state Supreme Court in disposing of a burgeoning number of appeals in commonwealth. The Court exercises general jurisdiction, statewide, over all appeals from decisions of the state trial courts with the exception of death penalty appeals (heard by the Supreme Court) and cases brought against the commonwealth and its political subdivisions such as school districts and municipalities (heard by Commonwealth Court).

The Court typically hears arguments on appeal in Harrisburg, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, but occasionally visits other locations around Pennsylvania for special sessions. As one of the busiest appellate courts in the nations, the Court decides more than 8,000 individual appeals involving civil, criminal, domestic relations and orphans' court claims annually.

For more information about the Superior Court, visit http://www.pacourts.us/courts/superior-court/. For continually-updated court information related to COVID-19, visit http://www.pacourts.us/ujs-coronavirus-information

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