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Supreme Court Makes Recordings of Oral Arguments Available for First Time

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Video recordings of oral arguments at the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia are being made available online, for the first time ever.

West Virginia became one of the first six state Supreme Courts to provide live internet streaming of Supreme Court arguments when it began doing so in 2011. In 2016 the Court began working with West Virginia Public Broadcasting to provide live broadcasts of oral arguments on the West Virginia Channel and YouTube.

“This is the next step in making the West Virginia Judiciary more accessible to the public,” said Supreme Court Chief Justice Tim Armstead. The Court has been working toward making these recordings available for about a year, at the suggestion of 2019 Chief Justice Beth Walker.

Video recordings of oral arguments will be made available as soon as time permits after each argument. The terms of use of these recordings and some limitations are listed on the Court’s website.

Recordings of the April 14 (<http://www.courtswv.gov/supreme-court/calendar/2020/Dockets/apr-14-20ad.html>) and April 21 (<http://www.courtswv.gov/supreme-court/calendar/2020/Dockets/apr-21-20ad.html>) Argument Dockets are available now. The process of making the recordings of previous dockets in 2019 and 2020 available is underway.

To see a video of a specific argument, click on the red icon next to that case on that day’s Docket on the Calendar and Docket page of the website (<http://www.courtswv.gov/supreme-court/calendar-docket.html>).

The Court issued an order April 29 making recordings of oral arguments available (<http://www.courtswv.gov/legal-community/court-rules/Orders/2020/20-rules-05TermsUseOralArgumentsPostedToWeb.pdf>).

The recordings are for informational and educational purposes only. Unauthorized use of the video recordings for commercial or political purposes may result in action against the user. The Supreme Court is not a court of record for court proceedings. The video recordings do not meet the technical standard for a digital archive.

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