



SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

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SUPREME COURT TO HEAR ORAL ARGUMENTS

AT NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Arkansas Supreme Court will travel to Bentonville for its spring "Appeals on Wheels" event. Oral arguments in Jackson v. Hobbs, case number 09-145, will be heard in Burns Hall at the college, beginning at 9 a.m. on April 4. The Court will go into informal session for a few minutes at 9 a.m. to allow for photographs. The public is welcome to attend. The case to be argued is Jackson v. Hobbs, Case No. 09-145. This case is on remand from the Supreme Court of the United States.

Circuit Judge John Scott and Rep. Sue Scott will host the justices at a reception at their home the evening before arguments. Students from Bentonville High School, Rogers High School and the University of Arkansas law school's criminal clinic class will attend court at NWACC. That afternoon, several justices will visit area middle and high schools to meet with students and teachers.

Amendment 80 to the Arkansas Constitution, adopted by a vote of the people in 2000, provides that the Supreme Court may meet at such times and places as designated by the court. The justices are committed to providing more Arkansas citizens an opportunity to see how the state's highest court and the appellate process work. This will be the sixteenth occasion since Amendment 80 passed that the court has conducted oral arguments outside of Little Rock. They have visited Fort Smith, Jonesboro, Fayetteville, El Dorado, Texarkana, Blytheville, Monticello, Hope, Harrison, Helena, Hot Springs, and Pine Bluff. They are making plans for the fall to visit Conway.

NOTE: Oral arguments are streamed live from the Justice Building in Little Rock, but there will be no recording of the arguments held in Bentonville.

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