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Travelling Seventh District Court of Appeals

Oral arguments to be held at Columbiana Court of Common Pleas General Division

Judge Gene Donofrio, Presiding and Administrative Judge of the Seventh District Court of Appeals is pleased to announce that on August 17, 2022, the Seventh District Court of Appeals will hold oral arguments at one of the eight counties within its jurisdiction. Jurists from the Appellate Court will convene at the Columbiana County Court General Division in the courtroom assigned to Judge Scott Washam on Wednesday.

"We are appreciative of Judge Washam and the entire staff at the Columbiana County Court of Common Pleas for hosting our appellate oral arguments. We love to travel to courthouses within our jurisdiction to provide an opportunity for the public to observe our proceedings a little closer to home," stated Judge Donofrio.

Typically oral arguments are held before a three-judge panel at the Appellate Court located in Youngstown. However, the judges enjoy travelling to host courts across the eight counties so that local attorneys, litigants and citizens have a better understanding of the appellate process.

"It is so important in our democracy for citizens to observe the different levels of the judicial system. So often, people only think of the jury trial scenario portrayed on television shows when they think of the court system," said Judge Donofrio.

On Wednesday starting at 9:00 am, the appellate judges will hear oral arguments regarding an array of cases currently on appeal including three criminal cases and one civil case.