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The Travelling Bench at the Seventh District Court of Appeals

Oral arguments to be held at Jefferson County Court of Common Pleas

Judge Gene Donofrio, Presiding and Administrative Judge of the Seventh District Court of Appeals, is pleased to announce that on August 24, 2022, the Seventh District Court of Appeals will hold oral arguments in Jefferson County, one of the eight counties within its jurisdiction. Jurists from the Appellate Court will convene at the Jefferson County Court of Common Pleas in the courtroom assigned to Judge Joseph J. Bruzzese, Jr. on Wednesday.

"We are continuing our outreach this week by conducting oral arguments in Jefferson County. On behalf of the Court, I would like to thank Judge Bruzzese and the entire staff for their hospitality," stated Judge Donofrio. "During COVID, the Court was unable to travel to conduct such proceedings and we are looking forward to this off-site experience."

Last week, the Court travelled to Columbiana to conduct an oral argument session. Each oral argument is presented to a three-judge panel and typically those proceedings occur in Youngstown at the Seventh District Court of Appeals.

"We hope the travelling Court of Appeals bench creates more opportunities for residents and practicing attorneys in each of our eight counties to really see the Court in action," said Judge Donofrio. "It is important to understand the differences and intricacies of the appellate process compared to the procedures at the trial court."

Oral arguments are scheduled to begin Wednesday at 9:30 am. The appellate judges will hear oral arguments regarding an array of cases currently on appeal, including two criminal cases and two civil cases.