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New Hampshire Supreme Court to Hold Remote Oral Arguments Starting April 29

New Technology Will Allow Cases to Progress Despite Pandemic

CONCORD — Beginning on Wednesday, April 29, the New Hampshire Supreme Court will hold remote oral arguments using videoconferencing technology. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Judicial Branch's suspension of most "in person" court proceedings, the Supreme Court postponed oral arguments in fourteen cases that had been scheduled to take place in late March and early April. Rather than further delay those cases until oral arguments can be held in the courtroom, the Supreme Court has begun rescheduling the cases for remote oral arguments via Cisco Webex, with the goal of hearing all of the postponed cases by mid-June. Members of the media and interested citizens may watch and listen to a real-time livestream of the oral arguments on the Supreme Court webcast.

"Oral argument is an important and helpful part of the appellate process, for both the advocates and the justices," noted Senior Associate Justice Gary E. Hicks. "By using videoconferencing technology in coordination with livestreaming, we aim to maintain the benefits of oral argument, while minimizing delay, and continuing to offer New Hampshire citizens a real-time glimpse into the workings of the court system."

To view the live video of oral arguments before the Supreme Court go to https://www.courts.state.nh.us/videos/supreme/index.htm. Additional information can be found on the recently released supreme court oral argument calendar here: https://www.courts.state.nh.us/supreme/orals/index.htm.

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