



# Supreme Court of Illinois

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## **ILLINOIS APPELLATE COURT TO HEAR ORAL ARGUMENTS AT EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY APRIL 3**

The Illinois Appellate Court for the Fourth Judicial District will be hearing oral arguments on two cases on Thursday, April 3 at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. Arguments are scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Rita B. Garman from the Fourth Judicial District said that bringing the Appellate Court oral arguments to Charleston is an opportunity to allow students and citizens a firsthand look at the Illinois judiciary at work.

"Eastern Illinois University students and those interested in the law have a unique opportunity to observe oral arguments before the Appellate Court in person," Chief Justice Garman said. "I am extremely pleased that Eastern Illinois University has agreed to hold the Fourth District Appellate Court's oral arguments."

Ordinarily, oral arguments before the Fourth District Appellate Court are heard in Springfield. The Appellate Court has held oral arguments in previous years at Illinois State University in Bloomington/Normal, Quincy University, and Danville Area Community College; the Appellate Court also holds oral arguments annually at the University of Illinois School of Law in Champaign. In other judicial districts, the Appellate Court has held oral arguments at law schools, universities and colleges across the state.

"I'm pleased at the outreach to students in the Eastern Illinois region and the opportunity it presents for our students' personal and professional development," Eastern Illinois University President Dr. William Perry said.

Students from several of the university's departments have been invited to attend the oral arguments and interact with the Fourth District Appellate Court justices at a luncheon following the sessions.

The Fourth District Appellate Justices who will be hearing the two cases are: Presiding Appellate Justice Thomas R. Appleton, and Appellate Justices Thomas M. Harris and Lisa Holder White.

The civil case to be heard is Illinois County Treasurers' Association v. Hamer. This case is an appeal of a ruling regarding affirmative defenses asserted by the state in respect to a state stipend paid to the county treasurers across the state.

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The criminal case to be heard is People v. Bradley. It involves the appeal of the order granting a motion to dismiss in a criminal felony matter.

Following the arguments, the Appellate Court justices will take the case under advisement and issue their written ruling at a later date.

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