



Supreme Court of Illinois

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ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT TO HOLD ORAL ARGUMENTS AT HISTORIC COURTHOUSE IN OTTAWA

- WHO:** Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Rita B. Garman; Justices Charles E. Freeman, Robert R. Thomas, Thomas L. Kilbride, Lloyd A. Karmeier, Anne M. Burke, and Mary Jane Theis
- WHAT:** Illinois Supreme Court Oral Arguments
- WHEN:** **Wednesday, May 21, 2014 – 11:00 a.m.**
- WHERE:** Third District Appellate Courthouse, 1004 Columbus Street, Ottawa

The Illinois Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in two cases on Wednesday at the Third District Appellate Courthouse in Ottawa. The Court will be hearing arguments in the cases of *People v. Smith* and *Keating v. City of Chicago*. *People v. Smith* deals with a firearms enhancement sentencing law. *Keating v. City of Chicago* is a constitutional challenge to Chicago's red light traffic camera program.

The Supreme Court has been holding oral arguments in Chicago since September 2013 while its regular home in Springfield, opened in 1908, is undergoing a structural and infrastructure rehab under the authority of the Illinois State Capital Development Board.

This event will be one of the rare times that the Supreme Court has heard oral arguments outside of Springfield or Chicago since 1897 when the Court was consolidated in Springfield.

The public is invited to watch the arguments, though seating will be limited in the courtroom and in an adjoining room where the arguments can be viewed and heard on a monitor in real time. Those wishing to attend are asked to arrive by 10:30 a.m.

Teachers and students from LaSalle-Peru High School, Ottawa High School and Marquette Academy in Ottawa will be participating in the program either by attending the arguments live, or witnessing them live-streamed on the Internet via <https://new.livestream.com/blueroomstream/events/2939315>.

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Media wishing to attend oral arguments must contact Dawn Frison Cook, senior communications specialist to the Supreme Court, at dcook@illinoiscourts.gov or at 312.793.0870 by **1:00 p.m., today, May 20, 2014.**

Media video coverage of orals will be by pool, provided by WGN-TV.

Media attending must present credentials with a photo ID for admittance.

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