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Public Information Office main number: 202-479-3211. If it is busy, PIO has a line reserved for press and other priority calls: 202-479-3050. For a recording with opinion and orders forecasts for the coming week or the list of opinions released on the day they are issued, please call 202-479-3360.

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If a matter is after-hours and urgent, please send an email to pio@supremecourt.gov. Time-sensitive inquiries may be sent to individual addresses, but please copy the public information officer or deputy public information officer to make sure the email is seen. A follow-up phone call is advisable.

ARGUMENT CALENDAR

Beginning with the first Monday in October and through the end of April, the Court hears oral arguments in sessions lasting two weeks, with recesses of varying lengths in between: https://www.supremecourt.gov/oral_arguments/2024TermCourtCalendar.pdf.

The Court sits to hear arguments on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and generally hears two arguments a day starting at 10 a.m. with occasional afternoon sessions scheduled as necessary. The Court typically breaks for one hour on days when it will hear afternoon arguments. Any exceptions to the norm, such as extra time allotted by the Court for a particular argument, will be indicated on the argument calendar, available approximately one month prior to an argument session. The argument calendars are on the Court's website, https://www.supremecourt.gov/oral_arguments/calendarsandlists.aspx, and in Room G-42 of the Public Information Office. On the monthly calendar on the Court's homepage, users can also click on a date marked in red to see the names of the cases being argued that day. Clicking on a particular case takes users to the docket, which provides a link to the questions presented to the Court and other case-related information.

A list indicating the names of the attorneys arguing each case is available in Room G-42 on argument days, and is available on the Court's website: https://www.supremecourt.gov/oral_arguments/calendarsandlists.aspx.

ARGUMENT AUDIO

The Court provides a live audio feed of all scheduled oral arguments. A link to the live audio feed will be available on the homepage of the Court's website. The oral argument audio and a transcript of the oral arguments will be posted on the Court's website following oral argument each day: http://www.supremecourt.gov/oral_arguments/argument_audio.aspx and https://www.supremecourt.gov/oral_arguments/argument_transcript.

BRIEFS AND PETITIONS

Briefs and petitions for all pending paid cases are available in Room G-49, the Public Information Office Document Room, for use by the press during office hours. Filed according to docket number, the briefs must be signed out when borrowed and signed in when returned so that they may be made available to others as quickly as possible. Briefs should be returned to Room G-49 and filed back on the shelf following use. If a brief is missing or an error is spotted in one, please notify PIO staff. The PIO will make all arrangements to obtain another copy of the brief or correct the errors.

The Court's electronic filing system went into operation on November 13, 2017. While paper remains the official form of filing, all parties who are represented by counsel must also submit electronic versions of filings through the system. Most documents that are submitted electronically will be made available on the Court's public docket free of charge. Filings from pro se parties are submitted only on paper, but will be scanned and made available

electronically on the Court's docket. Additional information about the system may be found here: https://www.supremecourt.gov/filingandrules/electronicfiling.aspx.

Information on additional sources for obtaining briefs is found on the Court's website: https://www.supremecourt.gov/meritsbriefs/briefsource.aspx.

On the day an opinion is issued or certiorari is granted in a pending case, the pertinent briefs will be pulled from Room G-49 and placed in Room G-42 for press convenience. Again, the briefs should be returned as soon as possible to Room G-42 as a courtesy to press colleagues. Approximately one week after a case has been decided or denied certiorari, the briefs are removed from our shelves. Depending on timing, briefs that have been removed from our office may still be obtained, so please contact a staff member.

All cases receive a docket number upon filing in the Clerk's Office, ranging from 3 to 7 digits (e.g., 21–1, 21–2000).

The term In Forma Pauperis (IFP) describes permission given to an indigent to proceed without liability for Court fees or costs.* "Pauper" cases are always given up to a 7–digit number with the last digits up to the 10,000 or 11,000 series (e.g., 21–5661, 21-10269).

When proceeding IFP, parties are required to file only one copy of a brief; therefore, the Public Information Office rarely receives a copy unless and until the case has been granted review. Press may have access to the file copy of an IFP brief upon request.

Reporters may check the status of a case by checking the Docket on the Court's website: http://www.supremecourt.gov/docket/docket.aspx. Reporters can also sign up to receive email notifications of activity in pending cases. To do so, visit the docket page for an individual case, click on the envelope icon that is just above the case number, enter an email address, and click "Subscribe." Email notifications will be sent every time there is a new filing or action by the Court in the case.

* See Rule 39 of the Rules of the U.S. Supreme Court: https://www.supremecourt.gov/filingandrules/2023RulesoftheCourt.pdf.

ORDERS

The order list is a compilation of actions taken by the Court on pending cases. It is released at 9:30 a.m. on the Monday following a Court conference, usually held three times a month when the Court is sitting. The PIO regularly provides a for-convenience-only list of possible cases to be considered at each conference (a.k.a. conference lists), enabling reporters to prepare for what might be disposed of on the subsequent order list. Please note that conference lists are for press convenience only. The lists are NOT for publication. Unscheduled, or "irregular," orders are issued as necessary and will be posted on the Court's website. The PIO can sometimes provide guidance if the office knows unscheduled orders are expected.

The order lists are released to the press in Room G-42 of the Public Information Office and

posted on the Court's website: http://www.supremecourt.gov/orders/ordersofthecourt.aspx.

OPINIONS

The days on which the Court will release opinions will be indicated on Today at the Court on the Court's homepage. Opinions will be posted on the Court's website shortly after they are released beginning at 10 a.m.: https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/slipopinions.aspx.

Opinions are released to the press beginning a few minutes after 10 a.m. in Room G-42. Reporters for wire services and broadcast networks pull from the desk closest to the hallway. Copies are also reserved for reporters who go to the Courtroom to cover the release of opinions.

The audio of the announcement of opinions is streamed in Room G-42 for the convenience of those reporters who prefer to stay in the Public Information Office to receive copies of the Court's decisions as they are being announced. Recording or broadcasting of the announcement in any manner is prohibited.

There is no guarantee opinions will be released on any given day, but reporters may check with the Public Information Office late on the Friday before a Court week or telephone over the weekend (202-479-3360) for a recorded message concerning the next week's outlook, including the days opinions may be issued.

Copies of slip opinions from the current Term are also maintained in Room G-49 of the Public Information Office.

APPLICATIONS

The Public Information Office and the Clerk's Office have compiled a guide to assist reporters in covering applications, http://www.supremecourt.gov/publicinfo/reportersguide.pdf, some of which is detailed below.

An application generally is a request for an emergency action, which is addressed to an individual Justice and is similar to a motion for a temporary injunction in a lower court. Applications largely concern litigants asking a Justice for a stopgap measure pending final action by this Court or elsewhere in the judicial system. Applications are addressed to Justices on a geographical basis, according to federal circuits. The United States is divided into 13 circuits, with each Justice assigned to a specific circuit: https://www.supremecourt.gov/about/circuitAssignments.aspx.

If a Justice denies an application, a petitioner may reapply to any other Justice of the petitioner's choice, and theoretically can continue through the entire Court. In practice, applications usually are referred to the full Court by the second Justice to avoid such a prolonged procedure.

A Justice need not be physically present in the Court building in order to act on an application,

although there are instances in which a circuit Justice is "unavailable." In that case, the application is referred to the next junior Justice.

Court rules do not require a written response be filed by the opposition in an application proceeding, although such papers may be filed anyway or a Justice may request them.*

Copies of applications are made available to the Public Information Office by the Clerk's Office upon their receipt. The application, any subsequent responses, orders of disposition or information on other Court action, are circulated to interested members of the press. The primary contact for information on applications is public affairs specialist Kara Tershel.

"Call-out" is provided by the Public Information Office on a limited basis for applications, usually upon request by a member of the press. Only for applications of generally high press interest would the Public Information Office initiate a complete "call-out" of those with Supreme Court hard pass press credentials.

Reporters aware of a pending application not yet filed with the Court may alert the public affairs specialist and ask to be notified when the application is filed.

*For further information on motions and applications, see Rules 21, 22, and 23 of the Rules of the U.S. Supreme Court:
https://www.supremecourt.gov/filingandrules/2023RulesoftheCourt.pdf.

THE PRESSROOM

The pressroom, Room G-43, is maintained by the Court for the convenience of both resident and visiting journalists. The room contains assigned cubicles for news organizations regularly covering the Court as well as general workspace for visiting reporters.

Wireless Internet is available in the pressroom to visiting reporters. Login information may be obtained from PIO staff. The PIO also maintains a pressroom copier for reporters' use at no cost.

There are five broadcast booths on the ground floor that are used for radio and audio broadcasts. All five booths are currently assigned; however, the Public Information Office will put any broadcaster regularly covering the Court on a waiting list when application is made in writing.

The PIO circulates memoranda and the occasional press release to the resident press corps. Reporters should check the pressroom bulletin board for announcements and upcoming events. Press releases are posted on the Court's website:
https://www.supremecourt.gov/publicinfo/press/pressreleases.aspx.

The pressroom is open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Hard pass holders may use the facilities after-hours after receiving permission from the PIO.

The Court maintains a press gallery in the Courtroom where note taking and artist sketching is permitted. Access requires a Supreme Court hard pass or day pass issued by the Public

Information Office. Reporters must contact the Public Information Office in advance of an argument for guidelines on obtaining a credential, arrival instructions, and other arrangements. Cases of extremely high press interest require reservations and assigned seating in the press section. These cases are noted on the Court's website about two weeks before the arguments: http://www.supremecourt.gov/publicinfo/media/mediaadvisories.aspx.

News broadcasts, stand-ups, and interviews on Court-related topics are permissible on the public sidewalk in front of the Supreme Court building. News broadcasts, stand-ups, and interviews are not permitted within the building, including the pressroom, or elsewhere on Court grounds.

JUSTICES' SPEECHES

Advanced, embargoed texts of speeches by the Justices are sometimes available in Room G-42 of the Public Information Office. The Public Information Office also maintains some earlier addresses by the Justices. Ask about the availability of texts. Some speeches by the Justices are also posted on the Court's website:
https://www.supremecourt.gov/publicinfo/speeches/speeches.aspx.

The Chief Justice's Year-End Report is released each year on December 31 on the Court's website: http://www.supremecourt.gov/publicinfo/year-end/year-endreports.aspx.

INTERVIEWS

The Justices generally do not grant interviews. However, each Justice has his/her own policy on this matter.

Reporters interested in pursuing the possibility of interviewing a Justice may initiate the inquiry through the Public Information Office by emailing pio@supremecourt.gov. The public information officer is happy to seek responses to specific questions addressed to a Justice.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

Preview:

Previews of U.S. Supreme Court Cases are published by the Public Education Division of the American Bar Association. Limited copies are available in the Public Information Office or by subscription.

Transcripts:

Transcripts are posted on the Court's website on the same day oral arguments are heard, usually about 90 minutes after an argument has concluded:
https://www.supremecourt.gov/oral_arguments/argument_transcript.aspx.

Audio:

The audio recordings of all oral arguments heard by the Court are available free to the public on the Court's website: http://www.supremecourt.gov/oral_arguments/argument_audio.aspx. The audio recordings are listed by case name, docket number, and the date of oral argument. The Court began recording oral arguments in 1955. The recordings are maintained at The National Archives and Records Administration. Prior to the 2010 Term, the recordings from one Term of Court were not available until the beginning of the next Term. The Archives continues to serve as the official repository for the Court's audio recordings.

Miscellaneous:

Room G-42 of the Public Information Office also makes available a collection of reference books, including dictionaries; various compilations of biographical information on the Justices; Guide to the U.S. Supreme Court (Congressional Quarterly); Lawyers Edition 2d; Rules of the U.S. Supreme Court; Supreme Court Practice (Shapiro, Geller, etc.); and press and congressional directories.