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## **Court of Appeals Schedules Special Sitting at the University of Hawaii**

SAN FRANCISCO – The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit will hear oral arguments next week at two locations in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The court, which sits in Honolulu three times per year, will hear oral arguments February 10 and Feb. 12 at its regular venue at 1132 Bishop Street, Courtroom Suite 250L. The proceedings will begin at 9 a.m. A photo ID is required for admittance. Check the court calendar for case information: <http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/calendar/>.

The court will convene a special sitting February 11 at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, William S. Richardson School of Law. Oral arguments will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the law school's Moot Courtroom, 2515 Dole St. A photo ID is required for admittance.

Oral arguments at both locations will be heard by a three-judge panel consisting of Circuit Judges Susan P. Graber of Portland, Oregon, Jay S. Bybee of Las Vegas, and Morgan Christen of Anchorage, Alaska. Scheduled for argument are decisions by the U.S. district courts for Hawaii and the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Board of Immigration Appeals, or BIA. The docket includes:

- *Daohua Yu v. Loretta E. Lynch*, in which a citizen of China petitions for review of the BIA's denial of his application for asylum, withholding of removal and protection under the Convention Against Torture. Case 11-70987
- *Xiang Song v. Loretta E. Lynch*, in which a citizen of China petitions for review of the BIA's denial of his application for asylum, withholding of removal and protection under the Convention Against Torture. Case 12-71825

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- *USA v. David Steidell*, in which David Steidell appeals his sentence for drug offenses. Case 14-10439
- *Christopher Cordeiro v. USA*, in which federal police officers Wesley Cortez and Anthony Vasquez appeal the Hawaii district court's order on summary judgment denying their motion for qualified immunity in an action by Christopher Cordeiro alleging excessive force. Cases 13-17062, 13-17065
- *Derron Flores v. MUFJ Union Bank*, in which Derron Flores appeals the Northern Mariana Islands district court's summary judgment in favor of Union Bank in a diversity action to collect principal and interest on a \$200,000 32-day certificate of deposit. Case 13-17434
- *USA v. Chang Backman*, in which Chang Backman appeals her jury conviction and sentence for sex trafficking by force. Case 14-10078

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals hears appeals of cases decided by executive branch agencies and federal trial courts in nine western states and two Pacific Island jurisdictions. The court normally meets monthly in Seattle, San Francisco and Pasadena, California; every other month in Portland, Oregon; three times per year in Honolulu, Hawaii; and twice a year in Anchorage, Alaska. A complete schedule of cases is available online at <http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov>.

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