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Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals to Hold First Law School Special Sitting Since 2020

SAN FRANCISCO – The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit will hear oral arguments during a special sitting on February 15 at the University of San Diego School of Law in San Diego, California. This will be the first special sitting at a law school since the onset of the pandemic in 2020.

There will be two panels who will hear oral arguments at the Theatre of the Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice Center, 5998 Alcalá Park. A valid government issued photo ID is required for admittance. Click [here](#) for current health and safety protocols.

The first panel will hear oral arguments at 2:00 p.m. PST and will consist of Senior Circuit Judge Michael Daly Hawkins, Senior Circuit Judge M. Margaret McKeown and Circuit Judge Patrick J. Bumatay.

The case on the docket is Stefanie Clugston v. City of Garden Grove, an appeal from the dismissal of an action alleging that an officer's high-speed pursuit of a suspect resulted in the death of an innocent bystander. Case No. 22-55203

The second panel will hear oral arguments at 2:30 p.m. PST and will consist of Senior Circuit Judge M. Margaret McKeown, Circuit Judge John B. Owens and Circuit Judge Patrick J. Bumatay.

Cases on the docket are:

- Herman Roberson v. City of Hawthorne, an appeal from the district court's denial, on summary judgment, of qualified immunity to police officers in an action alleging excessive force. Case No. 21-55134
- Jarron Edmond v. Kurt Lockwood, an appeal from the denial of qualified immunity in an action alleging a police officer used excessive force. Case No. 22-55024

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- Ruben Briseno v. City of West Covina, an appeal from the district court's summary judgment for defendant police officers in an action alleging excessive force. Case No. 22-55100

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit hears appeals of cases decided by certain executive branch agencies and federal trial courts in nine western states and two Pacific island jurisdictions. The court meets monthly in San Francisco and Pasadena, California; with regular sittings in Seattle and Portland, Oregon; as well as special sittings at other federal courthouses in Phoenix, Las Vegas, Honolulu and Anchorage, Alaska. A list of oral argument dates and locations is available online at <https://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/calendar/>.

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