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9th Circuit Court of Appeals to Hold Special Sitting in Idaho Falls

SAN FRANCISCO – The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit will hear oral arguments during a special sitting on October 18 at the Bonneville County Courthouse in Idaho Falls, Idaho. The court recognizes Bonneville County for graciously agreeing to host the oral argument in its local courthouse.

The three-judge panel, Senior Circuit Judge N. Randy Smith, Circuit Judge Ryan D. Nelson and Circuit Judge Danielle J. Forrest, will hear oral arguments that will be livestreamed and begin at 9:30 a.m. MDT in the Centennial Courtroom of the Bonneville County Courthouse, 605 N Capital Ave. A valid photo ID is required for admittance.

Cases on the docket are:

- Johnson v. Gentry, in which an Idaho prisoner appeals the denial of her habeas corpus petition challenging her life sentences for two counts of first-degree murder. Case No. 23-2124
- USA v. Alizadah Nawai, an appeal from conviction for attempted coercion and enticement, sexual exploitation of a minor child, and transfer of obscene matter to a minor. Case No. 23-2523

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th 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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