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Ninth Circuit to Hold Special Sitting at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

SAN FRANCISCO – The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit will hold a special sitting on February 14 at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, William S. Richardson School of Law, as part of the court’s weeklong sitting at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Honolulu.

Oral arguments will be livestreamed and begin at 9 a.m. HST in the law school’s Moot Courtroom, 2515 Dole St. A valid photo ID is required for admittance.

The panel will consist of Senior Circuit Judge Richard A. Paez, Circuit Judge Milan D. Smith Jr. and Circuit Judge Lucy H. Koh.

Cases on the docket are:

- [Aura Velasquez Reyes v. Merrick Garland](#), a citizen of Guatemala petitions for review of the Board of Immigration Appeals’ dismissal of an appeal of the denial of asylum and related relief. Case No. 21-70287
- [Eric Hurst v. Estela Derr](#), an appeal from the dismissal of an action brought by a federal prisoner alleging deliberate indifference to medical needs. Case No. 23-15523
- [Kekai Watanabe v. Estela Derr](#), an appeal from the dismissal of an action brought by a federal prisoner alleging deliberate indifference to medical needs. Case No. 23-15605
- [Chen v. Garland](#), a citizen of China petitions for review of the BIA’s dismissal of an appeal of the denial of asylum and related relief. Case No. 23-505

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- Michael Rehfeldt v. USDHS, an appeal of a summary judgment in favor of the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security in an action alleging employment-related claims. Case No. 23-15240
- Steven Hyer v. City and County of Honolulu, an appeal from the district court's summary judgment for defendants in an action alleging unreasonable deadly force when police officers shot and killed Steven Hyer. Case No. 23-15335

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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