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Supreme Court brings *Justice on Wheels* to Jefferson County

Madison, Wis. (Aug. 23, 2017) – The Wisconsin Supreme Court will hear oral argument in three cases at the Jefferson County Courthouse on Sept. 20 as part of its *Justice on Wheels* outreach program.

Jefferson is the 28th county outside Dane County where the Supreme Court has held argument since the *Justice on Wheels* program began in 1993. *Justice on Wheels* gives people outside the Madison area, including students, teachers, and the general public, an opportunity to observe the Court at work, without having to travel to the state Capitol.

During oral argument, lawyers present the strong legal reasons for the Court to decide in their client's favor. Justices have an opportunity to respond or ask questions directly of the lawyers during carefully timed presentations.

Local attorneys from the Jefferson County Bar Association will take a few minutes prior to each argument to introduce the audience to some of the legal issues, the process used to decide a case, and the role of the courts in interpreting the law. Only cases that present novel legal questions of statewide importance are accepted for Supreme Court review.

Seats to watch the Court's hearings are free and open to the public, but space is limited. Reservations are recommended and may be made by calling the Court at (608) 266-1298 or e-mailing Sara Foster, sara.foster@wicourts.gov, by Sept. 5. Cases will be heard in Branch 2 of the Jefferson County Courthouse, 311 S. Center Ave., Jefferson.

Argument in each case is expected to last about an hour, with attorney-provided introductions starting at approximately 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. A brief description of each case is listed below. Additional information is available on the Wisconsin court system's website at www.wicourts.gov/supreme/sc_oralargs.jsp. Prior to hearing the cases, at 8:45 a.m., the Court will open its visit with a welcome ceremony attended by local judges, other officials and community leaders.

Also as part of *Justice on Wheels*, the Supreme Court sponsors an essay contest for local fifth graders. The contest is a fun way for students to learn about the Wisconsin and U.S. constitutions. Contest rules have been sent to each Jefferson County fifth-grade teachers. If you would like more information, contact Supreme Court Marshal Tina Nodolf at tina.nodolf@wicourts.gov.

Since 1993, *Justice on Wheels* has brought the Wisconsin Supreme Court to the following counties: Brown, Eau Claire, Marathon, Milwaukee, La Crosse, Douglas, Rock, Kenosha, Sauk,

