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Superior Court to Hold Two-Day Special Session at Villanova School of Law and Montgomery County Courthouse

HARRISBURG – The Superior Court of Pennsylvania will hold a two-day special session on Tues., March 25 and Wed., March 26. The first day of the session will be held at Villanova Law School in McGuimm Courtroom #201 (299 N. Spring Mill Rd., Villanova, PA). The second day of the session will be held at the Montgomery County Courthouse in Courtroom A (2 East Airy St., Norristown, PA). Session will convene at 9:30 a.m. both days.

Serving on this special session panel will be President Judge Anne E. Lazarus (presiding), Judge Maria McLaughlin, and Judge Megan Sullivan. President Judge Lazarus and Judge McLaughlin maintain chambers in Philadelphia County and Judge Sullivan in Chester County.

In providing a window on the work of the Court, this special session offers an exceptional opportunity for area students, as well as members of the public in Delaware and Montgomery counties, to learn about the service of the judiciary to all Pennsylvanians.

The Superior Court normally hears arguments on appeals in Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, and Philadelphia, but occasionally visits other locations around the Commonwealth for special sessions like this one, the purpose of which is to better acquaint Pennsylvanians with the process by which matters before our state appeals courts are considered and resolved.

The Superior Court was created in 1895 to assist the state Supreme Court in disposing of a burgeoning number of appeals in the growing Commonwealth. As such, the Superior Court exercises general jurisdiction, statewide, over all appeals from decisions of the state trial courts with the exception of death penalty appeals (heard by the Supreme Court) and cases brought against the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and its political subdivisions, such as school districts and municipalities (heard by the Commonwealth Court). Consequently, the Superior Court is one of the busiest appellate courts in the nation, docketing over 100,000 filings per year and deciding over 6500 individual appeals involving civil, criminal, domestic relations, and orphans' court claims.

More information about the judges and the Superior Court is available at <u>www.pacourts.us</u>.

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