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Court of Appeals to hear Scott County civil case March 13 in Frankfort Proceedings are open to the public

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 8, 2018 – The [Kentucky Court of Appeals](#) will convene March 13 in Frankfort to hear oral arguments in a civil case on appeal from Scott County Circuit Court. Proceedings are open to the public and will take place at 9:30 a.m. EDT in the Court of Appeals Courtroom in the Court of Appeals building at 360 Democrat Drive.

A three-judge panel composed of [Court of Appeals Judges](#) Sara Walter Combs, Allison Jones and Christopher Shea Nickell will hear Robert Simms v Estate of Brandon Michael Blake. Simms is challenging Mandy Jo’s Law as set out in KRS 411.137 and 391.033. Judge Jones will preside.

For more information, view the [docket](#) on the Kentucky Court of Justice website.

Nearly all cases heard by the Kentucky Court of Appeals come to it on appeal from a lower court. If a case is tried in Circuit Court or District Court and the losing parties involved are not satisfied with the outcome, they may ask for a higher court to review the correctness of the trial court’s decision. Some cases, such as criminal case acquittals and divorces, may not be appealed. In a divorce case, however, child custody and property rights decisions may be appealed. Cases are not retried in the Court of Appeals. Only the record of the original court trial is reviewed, with attorneys presenting the legal issues to the court for a decision.

Fourteen judges, two elected from seven appellate court districts, serve on the Court of Appeals. The judges are divided into panels of three to review and decide cases, with the majority determining the decision. The panels do not sit permanently in one location, but travel throughout the state to hear cases.

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