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Supreme Court of Kentucky to hear arguments Feb. 7-8 in Frankfort Proceedings are open to the public

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 4, 2019 – The [Supreme Court of Kentucky](#) will convene Feb. 7-8 in Frankfort to hear oral arguments in cases that originated in Jefferson and Knott counties and a challenge to a court ruling on Marsy’s Law. Proceedings are open to the public and will take place in the Supreme Court Courtroom on the second floor of the state Capitol at 700 Capitol Ave. in Frankfort.

The public may also observe oral arguments via the [Supreme Court live stream](#) on the Kentucky Court of Justice website. Oral arguments are available online as they occur in real time and are not available as archives.

The Supreme Court is the state court of last resort and the final interpreter of Kentucky law. [Seven justices](#) sit on the Supreme Court and all seven justices rule on appeals that come before the court. The justices are elected from seven appellate districts and serve eight-year terms. A chief justice, chosen for a four-year term by fellow justices, is the administrative head of the state’s court system and is responsible for its operation. The Supreme Court may order a ruling or opinion to be published, which means that the ruling becomes the case law governing all similar cases in the future in Kentucky.

THURSDAY, FEB. 7, 2019

9 AM ET

2017-SC-000541-DG

**KEITH RANDALL SPARKMAN, D/B/A IN-DEPTH SANITARY SERVICE GROUP
V. CONSOL ENERGY, INC., ET AL.**

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“Tortious Interference with Contract by a Parent Corporation of a Wholly Owned Subsidiary. The issue of first impression in this case is whether claims for a tortious interference with a contract are barred under any circumstances against a parent corporation which prematurely terminates contracts entered into by its wholly-owned subsidiary, or whether and under what circumstances, such claims may be permitted against the parent corporation, and if so, whether the evidence in this case warranted submission of that claim to the jury for consideration.”

Discretionary Review granted 2/8/2018
Knott Circuit Court, Judge Kimberley Childers

Attorneys for Appellant: Adam Peter Collins and Nicholas C. A. Vaughn
Attorneys for Appellees: Virginia Hamilton Snell and Thomas Travis

10 AM ET

2017-SC-000367-DG

RODERICKA BRYANT V. LOUISVILLE METRO HOUSING AUTHORITY, ET AL.

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“Governmental Immunity. Torts. Negligence. Issues include whether Louisville Metro Housing Authority is entitled to governmental immunity from the plaintiff’s claims related to her child’s shooting death at a housing authority apartment.”

Discretionary Review granted 4/18/2018
Jefferson Circuit Court, Judge Angela McCormick Bisig

Attorneys for Appellant: Robert Martin Guarnieri, David J. Guarnieri and Jason Hollon
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11 AM ET

2018-SC-000087-DG

JOSHUA MCALPIN V. COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

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“Criminal Law. Constructive Possession of a Controlled Substance. Unanimity of a Verdict. The issue is whether language of a jury instruction violated the unanimity requirement, when the evidence gathered in the search of an apartment was allegedly only constructively possessed by the defendant.”

Discretionary Review granted 4/18/2018
Jefferson Circuit Court, Judge James M. Shake

Attorney for Appellant: Franklin Todd Lewis
Attorney for Appellee: James Coleman Shackelford

FRIDAY, FEB. 8, 2019

9 AM ET

2018-000583-TG

**WHITNEY WESTERFIELD, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS SENATOR, ET AL.
V. DAVID WARD, ET AL.**

2018-SC-000585-TG

**DAVID M. WARD, ET AL.V. WHITNEY WESTERFIELD, IN HIS OFFICIAL
CAPACITY AS SENATOR, ET AL.**

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“Sufficiency of the ballot question presented to the electorate concerning Senate Bill 3 – a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to Marsy’s Law.”

Franklin Circuit Court, Judge Thomas D. Wingate

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