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### Supreme Court of Kentucky to hear arguments this week in Frankfort **Proceedings are open to the public**

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 4, 2019 – The [Supreme Court of Kentucky](#) will convene March 6-7 in Frankfort to hear challenges to a federal Court of Appeals decision involving the state retirement system and a Franklin Circuit Court decision that gave the attorney general the go-ahead to hire outside attorneys to sue opioid manufacturers without getting approval from the governor’s administration. 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 Capital Ave. in Frankfort.

The court will also hear arguments in civil cases from McCracken and Oldham counties and one from Campbell County about what role Family Courts hearing dependency, neglect and abuse cases have in addressing whether a juvenile qualifies for federal special immigrant status.

The public may also observe oral arguments via the [Supreme Court livestream](#) 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.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019

**9 AM ET**

2018-SC-000592-DGE

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES V. N. B. D.**

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“Role of Kentucky family courts in addressing the federal special immigrant juvenile (“SIJ”) status prerequisites of 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(27)(J) in state dependency/neglect/abuse (“DNA”) proceedings.”

Discretionary Review granted 2/7/2019  
Campbell Circuit Court, Judge Richard A. Woeste

Attorney for Appellant: Thomas Edison Edge  
Attorney for Appellee: Teresa Lyn Cunningham

**10 AM ET**

2018-SC-000251-DGE

**DIXIE MEINDERS, ET AL. V. DARYL K. MIDDLETON**

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“KRE 403.270(1). De Facto Custodian. Tolling of time period for determination of de facto custodian status by filing of petition for custody by biological parent. Whether the alleged de facto custodian had satisfied the requirements of the statute prior to the filing of a custody petition by the biological father.”

Discretionary Review granted 8/8/2018  
McCracken Circuit Court, Judge Deanna Wise Henschel

Attorneys for Appellants: John Thomas Reed and Lori Beth Shelburne  
Attorney for Appellee: Andrew Kenneth Asbridge

**11 AM ET**

2018-SC-000461-CL

**KENTUCKY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM, ET AL. V. SEVEN COUNTIES SERVICES, INC.**

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“Whether Seven Counties Services, Inc.’s participation as a department in, and its contributions to the Kentucky Employees Retirement System are based on a contractual or statutory obligation.”

United States Court of Appeals Sixth Circuit, Judge R. Guy Cole, Jr.

Attorneys for Appellants: Mark C. Blackwell, Katherine I. Rupinen, Joseph Patrick Bowman, Deborah S. Hunt, Daniel R. Swetnam, Victoria E. Powers and Tyson A. Crist  
Attorneys for Appellee: David Marcus Cantor, Paul Joseph Hershberg and G. Eric Brustad, Jr.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2019

**10 AM ET**

2017-SC-000518-DG

**CAROL GREISSMAN V. RAWLINGS AND ASSOCIATES, PLLC**

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“Torts. Wrongful Termination. Public Policy Exception. Lawyers. Whether a lawyer who is terminated for refusing to violate the Supreme Court Rules of Professional Conduct has a viable claim for wrongful termination under the public policy exception to at-will employment.”

Discretionary Review granted 6/6/2018

Oldham Circuit Court, Judge Karen A. Conrad

Attorneys for Appellant: David Lindsay Leightty, Alton D. Priddy and Alison M. Messex

Attorneys for Appellee: Mitzi Denise Wyrick and Jordan White

**11 AM ET**

2018-SC-000122-TG

**WILLIAM M. LANDRUM, III, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS SECRETARY OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION CABINET V. COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, EX REL. ANDY BESHEAR, ATTORNEY GENERAL, ET AL.**

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“Attorney General’s power to enter into contingency fee contracts with outside counsel.”

Franklin Circuit Court, Judge Phillip J. Shepherd

Attorneys for Appellant: Mark Stephen Pitt, Stephen Chad Meredith, Barry Lee Dunn, Matthew Kuhn and Brett Nolan

Attorneys for Appellees: Andy Beshear, John Michael Brown, La Tasha Arnae Buckner, Laura Tipton, Steven Travis Mayo, Taylor Allen Payne and Marc Farris

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