



Supreme Court of Illinois

March 9, 2026 – Media Advisory

ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT TO HEAR ORAL ARGUMENTS AT WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY ON MARCH 11

WHAT: Oral arguments for two cases, *People v. Marshall* and *E.W., etc., et al., v. The Board of Education of East St. Louis School District #189* will be held before the Illinois Supreme Court and an audience of around 600 students and local community members. A question-and-answer session with Ninth Judicial Circuit Court Judges Heidi Benson and Nigel Graham, along with attorney Emily Sutton, will follow the oral arguments.

WHEN: **10 a.m., Wednesday, March 11, 2026** (Media members are asked to arrive by 9:30 a.m.). Ballroom doors will open at 8:30 a.m., and all attendees must be seated by 9:45 a.m.

WHERE: University Union Grand Ballroom at Western Illinois University, located at 1 University Circle in Macomb.

RSVP: Members of the media planning to attend are asked to RSVP by March 10 to James Brunner at jbrunner@illinoiscourts.gov.

A livestream will be available [here](#).

OTHER HELPFUL INFO: Cameras and recording devices will be permitted in the courtroom. Be aware that reporters, photographers and camera crews will be required to go through security screenings before entering the courtroom. Backpacks, other large items or bags, food and drinks will not be allowed. No one will be allowed to enter or leave the courtroom once oral arguments begin at 10 a.m.

[Read the press release](#) for more information including parking and case summaries.

(IF ATTENDING OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: James Brunner, Public Information Officer of the Illinois Supreme Court at jbrunner@illinoiscourts.gov.)