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ORAL ARGUMENT IN OLD COURTROOM
AT CAPITOL WILL MARK SUPREME COURT'S 175TH YEAR

The Supreme Court will conduct its first oral argument of the 2011 term in the Old Supreme Court Chamber in the state capitol building on Thursday, Sept. 8, at 9 a.m. The case is CR10-1200, *Lemuel Session Whiteside v. State of Arkansas*. Arguments will be followed by a reception at the Justice Building. It is the Court's tradition to celebrate the beginning of the term with an informal reception for Justice Building staff and guests.

When Arkansas joined the union in 1836, the Supreme Court was created by the state constitution. There were three justices until 1889, when the legislature increased the number to five. Expansion to the current seven positions came by way of a voter-approved constitutional amendment in 1925.

The Court met at the Old Statehouse until 1912 when it moved to the new Capitol Building. In 1958, the Court moved again to its current home at the Justice Building. The Old Supreme Court Chamber has recently been restored, and has been preserved as a courtroom.

Thursday's argument will *not* be recorded for the Judiciary website.

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