

Press Release

The Arkansas Supreme Court will conduct oral argument at Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas in Helena on Thursday, November 6, 2008. The argument will be held in the Lily Peter Auditorium-Fine Arts Center, beginning at 9:00 a.m. (The Court will go into informal session for a few minutes right at 9:00 to allow for photographs). The public is welcome to attend. The case that will be argued is *Joe Thelman vs. State of Arkansas*.

This will only be the eighth occasion in modern times that the Supreme Court has held court outside of Little Rock. Since 2002, the Supreme Court has held oral argument in Fayetteville, Fort Smith, Jonesboro, Monticello, Hope, Harrison and Bentonville.

Amendment 80 to the Arkansas Constitution, adopted by vote of the people in 2000, provides that the Supreme Court may meet at such times and places as designated by the Court.

Following the oral argument, the Justices will be visiting with students at several schools in Helena.

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