

MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT



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MICHIGAN COURT OF APPEALS TO HOLD HEARINGS IN MARQUETTE, PETOSKEY

LANSING, MI, October 9, 2006 – The Michigan Court of Appeals will hold oral arguments in Marquette and Petoskey this week, hearing a number of cases on appeal from northern Michigan trial courts.

A Court of Appeals panel including Chief Judge William C. Whitbeck, Judge William B. Murphy, and Judge Michael R. Smolenski will hold court on **Tuesday, October 10**, starting at 10 a.m., in the 25th Circuit courtroom at 234 W. Baraga Avenue in Marquette.

The judges will also hold oral arguments in Petoskey on **Thursday, October 12**, starting at 10 a.m. in the Emmet County Probate courtroom, located in the County Building on 200 Division Street.

Court of Appeals Chief Judge William C. Whitbeck said that the Court of Appeals holds hearings in its Lansing, Detroit, and Grand Rapids offices. However, the court also schedules hearings in the Upper Peninsula and northern Lower Peninsula to accommodate litigants and attorneys from those parts of the state, Whitbeck explained.

“In addition to easing the travel burden for parties and their counsel, we also want the public in the Upper Peninsula and northern Lower Peninsula to have the opportunity to see a Court of Appeals hearing,” Whitbeck said. “Many people have attended a trial, but few are familiar with how our state appellate courts function. We hope that the public will attend all or part of the hearings to see the appellate process at work.”

The cases the panel will hear include:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 – MARQUETTE

People of MI v Craig Michael Smith, case no. 264196, on appeal from the Alger County Circuit Court: breaking & entering with intent to commit larceny; safe breaking

Wiggins v Orhanen, case no. 264497, on appeal from the Marquette County Circuit Court: contract dispute

People of MI v Dale Joe Erickson, case no. 262861, on appeal from the Gogebic County Circuit Court: OUIL; due process; Sixth Amendment

Petrocik v Dowling, case no. 269064, on appeal from the Marquette County Circuit Court: summary disposition; serious impairment of body function

Hedglen v Kokesh, case no. 270164, on appeal from the Schoolcraft County Circuit Court: summary disposition; proximate cause

People of MI v Michael Albert Jarvi, case no. 263852, on appeal from the Marquette County Circuit Court: first degree home invasion

Halverson v Garrett, case no. 264463, on appeal from the Dickinson County Circuit Court: medical malpractice

Powell v Beaudry, case no. 269123, on appeal from the Delta County Circuit Court: summary disposition; automobile negligence

Baker v State Employees Retirement Board, case no. 267302, on appeal from the Marquette County Circuit Court: duty disability retirement

Forsberg v Forsberg Flowers Inc, case no. 263762, on appeal from the Marquette County Circuit Court: involuntary dismissal; wrongful termination

Mager v Lloyd-Lee, case no. 264796, on appeal from the Marquette County Circuit Court: summary disposition; insurance dispute

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12 – PETOSKEY

Huntington National Bank v Somers, case no. 270202, on appeal from the Antrim County Circuit Court: summary disposition; recovery of a deficiency after foreclosure

People of MI v Kelly Jo Pratt, case no. 261045, on appeal from the Crawford County Circuit Court: armed robbery

People of MI v Doyle Thomas Pierman, case no. 262366, on appeal from the Grand Traverse County Circuit Court: child sexually abusive activity

People of MI v Terry Allen Neff, case no. 262521, on appeal from the Kalkaska County Circuit Court: criminal sexual conduct

People of MI v Chris Allen Green, case no. 261732, on appeal from the Iosco County Circuit Court: criminal sexual conduct

People of MI v Benjamin Haynes Collins, case no. 263020, on appeal from the Mason County Circuit Court: criminal sexual conduct

People of MI v David Lee Sluchak, case no. 262674, on appeal from the Emmet County Circuit Court: criminal sexual conduct

People of MI v Bryon Paul Guthrie, case no. 261235, on appeal from the Wexford County Circuit Court: receiving stolen property

People of MI v Lloyd Joseph Waltonen, case no. 270229, on appeal from the Charlevoix County Circuit Court: criminal sexual conduct; motion to quash

Trudeau-Chene v Chene, case no. 260734, on appeal from the Crawford County Circuit Court: divorce

Green v Green, case no. 261537, on appeal from the Grand Traverse County Circuit Court: divorce

Richards v Tibaldi, case no. 270176, on appeal from the Grand Traverse County Circuit Court: summary disposition; property dispute

Chauvette v Owczarek, case no. 262473, on appeal from the Cheboygan County Circuit Court: property dispute; lake access

Hotchkiss v Mitchell, case no. 270143, on appeal from the Wexford County Circuit Court: summary disposition; legal malpractice

Dombrowski v Eichinger, case no. 269281, on appeal from the Otsego County Circuit Court: summary disposition; property dispute

Linton v Arenac Cnty Road Comm, case no. 262571, on appeal from the Arenac County Circuit Court: summary disposition; governmental immunity

Ronan v Hofmann, case no. 263106, on appeal from the Emmet County Circuit Court: summary disposition; property dispute

Peterson v Peterson, case no. 260591, on appeal from the Clare County Circuit Court: child support

Nelson v Davenport, case no. 261683, on appeal from the Crawford County Circuit Court: involuntary dismissal; property dispute

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