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Over 200 high school students from Downriver communities to witness Michigan Supreme Court oral argument; River Rouge High School auditorium at capacity, public can [view the hearing](#) at 12:30 p.m., October 19

Who: Michigan Supreme Court Justices, Downriver high school students and faculty, elected officials, local judges, community leaders

What: The Michigan Supreme Court will hear oral argument in [Michael A. Ray, Jacqueline M. Ray, as Co-Conservators for Kersch Ray, a Minor, v Eric Swager, and Scott Allen Platt, Heather Marie Platt, and Liberty Mutual Insurance Company](#)

At issue: Whether a reasonable jury could determine that the defendant's conduct was "the proximate cause" of plaintiff Kersch Ray's injuries where the defendant's actions placed the plaintiff in the dangerous situation that resulted in the plaintiff's injuries. [MCL 691.1407\(2\)\(c\)](#); [Robinson v City of Detroit](#), 462 Mich 439, 462 (2000); [Beals v Michigan](#), 497 Mich 363 (2015).

When: October 19, 2016 – 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Where: River Rouge High School, 1460 W. Coolidge Hwy., River Rouge, 48213
Participating high school students are from: Allen Park, Cabrini, Cesar Chavez, Ecorse, Flat Rock, Gabriel Richard, Gibraltar-Carlson Grosse Ile, Lincoln Park, River Rouge, Riverview, Southgate Anderson, Taylor Kennedy, Trenton, Wyandotte Roosevelt, and Woodhaven. A debriefing session with attorneys will follow oral argument.

Why: While the Supreme Court normally hears oral argument at the Michigan Hall of Justice in Lansing, Supreme Court justices and staff travel to various communities as part of "Court Community Connections," which the Supreme Court started in 2007 as a public education program aimed principally at high school students. The goal is to help students understand the appellate courts and Michigan's judicial system.

Media reporters and photographers are welcome; please contact the Office of Public Information at 517 373-0714 or browneb@courts.mi.gov for [permission to film or photograph](#) during the hearing. [Click here](#) to watch the special session at River Rouge High School on the district's YouTube channel.

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