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### **LIVE BROADCAST OF ORAL ARGUMENTS**

Presiding Justice Gerald J. Whalen announced today that, effective Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, oral argument of cases before the New York State Supreme Court, Fourth Judicial Department will be broadcast live over the internet. The public may watch the webcasts from most internet connected devices including smart phones and tablet computers by visiting the Appellate Division website at <http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/ad4/> and clicking on the “Watch Live” icon, or by browsing directly to a new internet link at <http://ad4.nycourts.gov/go/live>. Additionally, a digital archive will be available on the Fourth Department website for on-demand viewing, generally within three business days. Oral arguments will be screened for the disclosure of confidential information and may not be included in the digital archive.

The Fourth Department, which covers 22 counties located in Central and Western New York, hears oral arguments at the M. Dolores Denman Courthouse in Rochester, New York. “Our goal in creating an internet platform for live broadcasting and digital archiving,” said Presiding Justice Whalen, “was to make the Court more transparent and accessible to the public that it serves, a goal inspired by Chief Judge Janet DiFiore’s Excellence Initiative.”

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