

IN THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION SUPREME COURT SUPREME COURT
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CITIZENSHIP BOARD OF THE)
MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION,)

APR 12 2024

Appellant,)

CONNIE DEARMAN 

v.)

Case No.: SC-2023-10 MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
COURT CLERK

(District Court Case No.: CV-2020-34)

RHONDA K. GRAYSON and)
JEFFERY D. KENNEDY,)

Respondents.)

ORDER SETTING ORAL ARGUMENT

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, in accordance with M(C)NCA Title 27, App 2, Rule 19, that the above-captioned appeal is set for oral argument on **Friday, July 26, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., CST**, in the Mound Building Auditorium, Capitol Complex, Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, absent extraordinary cause shown, the Court will decline to consider any request for continuance of oral argument in this matter filed after close of business on **Friday, May 3, 2024**.

In keeping with this Court’s long-standing precedent, **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the following Rules of Court shall be in place within the Mound Building and the Mound Auditorium/Courtroom on Friday, July 26, 2024:

1. All audio or video recording, photography, and/or reproduction of the Oral Argument is strictly prohibited.
2. All electronic devices of any kind (laptops, cameras, video recorders, cell phones, tablets, smart watches, etc.) are strictly prohibited inside the Auditorium/Courtroom, except for named parties, their counsel of record, and the Court and Lighthorse Police.

3. All food and/or beverages are strictly prohibited inside the Auditorium/Courtroom, except for approved beverages for named parties, their counsel of record, and the Court and Lighthouse Police.
4. Visitors are strictly prohibited from entering the lower floor of the Auditorium/Courtroom, and must remain within the public seating area.
5. Visitors displaying political and/or inappropriate buttons, accessories, or clothing will be asked to remove the items or, alternatively, will be required to immediately exit the Auditorium/Courtroom. Further, as a sign of respect to the Court and Nation, no hats, hoodies, or head-coverings are allowed within the Auditorium/Courtroom.
6. Any outbursts during the Court session will result in the immediate removal of the individual from the Auditorium/Courtroom.
7. Regardless of permit status, no knives, razors, box cutters, fireworks, firearms, or other weapons, and/or weapon-like devices shall be allowed within the Mound Building.
8. No aerosol containers shall be allowed within the Mound Building.
9. All visitors attending the Court session will be screened prior to accessing the Mound Building, and will be turned away if any of the above-referenced prohibited items are located.
10. Once the oral argument session has initiated, visitors will no longer be authorized to enter the Auditorium/Courtroom.
11. Following completion of the oral argument session, visitors will be required to immediately exit the Auditorium/Courtroom, and, if not conducting any official business with the Courts and/or National Council, shall also be required to immediately exit the Mound Building.

Finally, as this oral argument is anticipated to bring large crowds and significant media coverage to the Capitol Complex, **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the following rules shall be in place specifically for this oral argument session:

1. No video or still cameras shall be authorized within the Mound Building on July 26, 2024.

Any media coverage may take place on the east side of the Mound Building, outside of the main entrance. This is to ensure public safety inside the Mound Building, where large crowds are expected to form.

2. In an effort to process visitors through security in a timely fashion on July 26, 2024, no briefcases, bags, purses, or overcoats shall be allowed within the Mound Building, except for named parties, their counsel of record, and the Court and Lighthouse Police.

Failure to adhere to any of the above-referenced Rules of Court and/or special rules for the July 26th session may result in a finding of contempt of court, including possible fine and/or jail time.

FILED AND ENTERED: April 12, 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Adams III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line at the end.

Andrew Adams III
Chief Justice

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that on April 12, 2024, I mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing *Order Setting Oral Argument* with proper postage prepaid to each of the following: Geri Wisner, Jeremy Pittman, and Clinton Wilson, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Department of Justice, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447; Damario Solomon-Simmons, Kymberli J.M. Heckenkemper, and Beatriz Mate-Kodjo, Solomon Simmons Law, 601 S. Boulder Ave., Suite 602, Tulsa, OK 74119; M. David Riggs, Riggs, Abney, Neal, Turpen, Orbison & Lewis, 502 W. 6th St., Tulsa, OK 74119; Graydon D. Luthey, Jr., R. Trent Shores, and Barrett L. Powers, Gablegotwals, 110 N. Elgin Ave., Suite 200, Tulsa, OK 74120. A true and correct copy was also hand-delivered to the Clerk of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court.



Connie Dearman, Court Clerk