

# NEWS RELEASE

## Arizona Court of Appeals, Division 1

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### **Arizona Court of Appeals to Hear Arguments in Civil Appeal at Shadow Mountain High School**

PHOENIX – Division One of the Arizona Court of Appeals will be holding an argument at Shadow Mountain High School on October 20, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. This is an excellent opportunity to see the judicial branch of government at work and see attorneys present a real case to a panel of three judges from the Arizona Court of Appeals.

The case to be argued is *Harper et al. v State of Arizona*, 1CA-CV15-0519, and attorneys representing each side will each have 20 minutes to present their case. The case involves five individuals who sued the State of Arizona, alleging that the State wrongfully terminated them from their positions at Child Protective Services. In 2015, a Maricopa County Superior Court judge rejected their arguments, and they are appealing the judge's ruling.

After oral argument concludes, there will be a Q&A session with judges from the Court of Appeals and the attorneys representing the parties. The panel judges will not participate in the Q&A session.

Students, parents, faculty, and members of the public are welcome to attend. Members of the public are required to make reservations in advance. All guests attending the arguments should arrive no later than 9:00 AM. Shadow Mountain is located at 2902 E. Shea Boulevard, Phoenix, Arizona.

For more information about the judges or court system in Arizona, please go to [www.azcourts.gov](http://www.azcourts.gov).

News reporters who have questions about this event should contact Heather Murphy, Communications Director for the Arizona Courts at 602-452-3656 or [hmurphy@courts.az.gov](mailto:hmurphy@courts.az.gov).

Members of the public wishing to attend must make a reservation by October 18, 2016 with LaDonna Dawson by emailing [ldawson@appeals.az.gov](mailto:ldawson@appeals.az.gov) or by calling 602-542-1479.