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Arizona Court of Appeals, Division Two

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Arizona Court of Appeals to Hear Arguments in Civil and Criminal Appeals at University of Arizona

TUCSON – Division Two of the Arizona Court of Appeals will be holding arguments at the University of Arizona’s James E. Rogers College of Law on Wednesday, February 20 at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. This is a rare opportunity to witness the judicial branch of government at work and watch attorneys present real cases to two three-judge panels from the Arizona Court of Appeals.

The first case is *Duff v. Lee, Tucson Police Department, City of Tucson*, 2 CA-SA 2018-0058. Attorneys representing each side will have 25 minutes to present their case. The issues in this petition for special action relief are whether Pima County’s Fast Trial and Alternative Resolution Program applies to the plaintiff’s case, and whether the program otherwise violates A.R.S. § 12-133, the compulsory arbitration statute, or the Arizona Constitution, and is therefore invalid.

The second case is *State v. Lietzau*, 2 CA-CR 2018-0011. The state raises two issues in this criminal matter: whether the trial court erred in finding the post-arrest warrantless search of Lietzau’s cell phone unconstitutional, and whether the court abused its discretion by precluding the state’s witness from testifying at the suppression hearing.

The Court of Appeals is not an evidence-taking court, so there will not be witnesses or cross examinations such as commonly depicted on television courtroom dramas. The focus of the arguments will be on Arizona law and the matters on appeal.

After the cases, the Court of Appeals judges will take questions from the audience, as long as those questions do not pertain to the cases they just heard. Details are as follows:

**Wednesday, February 20
James E. Rogers College of Law
University of Arizona
1201 East Speedway Boulevard, Room 164
Tucson, Arizona
1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Guests who plan to attend the arguments should arrive no later than 1:15.

For more information about the judges or court system in Arizona, please go to www.azcourts.gov.

News reporters who have questions about this event should contact Alicia Moffatt at amoffatt@courts.az.gov.