

Oral Argument Protocols

Division I, Court of Appeals

LOCATION & ACCESS

- The courtroom is located at 600 University Street in the lobby level.
- ADA access is available from the visitor parking and the entrance to One Union Square on 6th Avenue.

ORAL ARGUMENT TIME

- Oral argument is limited to 10 minutes per side unless the parties were previously notified they will have additional time.
- All cases set on the judges' oral argument calendar will be set at 9:30 a.m.
- Cases set on commissioners' calendars may be set in the morning or afternoon and the times will vary.
- The number the case is given on the calendar typically signifies the order they will be called but cases may be called out of order.
- The calendar begins promptly at 9:30 a.m. Notify the court immediately if you will be late or have an emergency and cannot appear.

ATTENDING ORAL ARGUMENT

- The public may attend in-person hearings.
- All attendees should allow time to go through security screening before entering the courtroom.
- Parties arguing should check in with the bailiff in the courtroom.

WATCH ONLINE

- Oral argument hearings are live streamed on TVW and can be viewed any time after the hearing: [Washington State Courts - News, Reports, Court Information](#)

CONTINUANCES & APPEARING REMOTELY

- If a party is not available, a motion to continue must be filed within 3 days of receiving the setting letter and should include the reason for the unavailability. Typically, continuances are granted only due to unforeseen or exceptional circumstances.
- If a party is requesting to argue remotely via video conferencing, a motion must be filed that includes the basis for the request.