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ALASKA SUPREME COURT TO HEAR CASE AT WEST HIGH SCHOOL **“Supreme Court LIVE” Event Fosters Understanding of the Justice System**

Anchorage, Alaska (February 17, 2016) – The Alaska Supreme Court will visit West High School on Wednesday February 24, from 10:20AM–12:20PM for the *Supreme Court LIVE* educational program. *Supreme Court LIVE* brings Supreme Court oral arguments in actual cases to student audiences at Alaskan high schools. Designed to help students better understand the justice system, this unique learning opportunity debuted in 2010.

The court will hear oral arguments in a pending case before an audience of high school students. The case – *Recreational Data Services, Inc., v. Trimble Navigation Limited*, involves two companies who agreed to work together to develop and market a GPS-based device for hunters and fishers to access hunting and fishing regulations and boundary areas while they were in the field. When their agreement fell apart, one of the companies sued the other for damages, and a jury found in favor of one of the companies - awarding over \$50 million in damages. After the jury’s verdict was set aside by the trial judge, the company that won the verdict appealed and seeks to have the Supreme Court overrule the lower court’s decision and reinstate the jury’s verdict.

Volunteer attorneys from the Alaska Bar Association and staff from the court system are visiting Anchorage high schools in the days preceding the program to help students understand the appellate process and the case itself, using case summaries and information from the court’s website: <http://courts.alaska.gov/outreach/scl-materials.htm#3an-02242016> The program will include question-and-answer sessions with the attorneys arguing the cases, and with members of the Supreme Court.

The program is open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes early to allow time for security screening. Members of the media wishing to use cameras or other electronic equipment in the auditorium should file an Application for Court Approval of Media Coverage

<http://courts.alaska.gov/forms/tf-945.pdf> with Appellate Clerk Marilyn May by February 22, 2016 at the email address or fax number noted above.

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