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New Jersey Supreme Court Oral Arguments Now Viewable on Rutgers Law Web Site

Latest Addition to Library's Digital Legal Library Project

Newark, NJ, March 28, 2005 - A collaboration between Rutgers School of Law-Newark and the New Jersey Judiciary has made webcasts of New Jersey Supreme Court oral arguments permanently available on the Rutgers Web site, Rutgers Law School Dean Stuart L. Deutsch announced today.

Webcasting of Supreme Court arguments, which began in January 2005, provides members of the public, students, attorneys, reporters, and other interested viewers with the opportunity to watch the oral arguments live on the New Jersey Judiciary's Web site at www.njcourtsonline.com. Once each day's oral arguments are completed, they remain viewable for 30 days on the Judiciary Web page. With the new agreement between the Judiciary and Rutgers-Newark, at the end of 30 days the webcasts will be transferred to the Rutgers-Newark law school archives.

"Our webcasts have given the public unprecedented access to Supreme Court sessions," said Stephen W. Townsend, Clerk of the New Jersey Supreme Court. "The response from those who have watched oral arguments has been very positive. Preservation of oral arguments on the Rutgers-Newark law school Web site will provide significant additional benefits to lawyers, litigants, students, and legal scholars well into the future," he added.

The oral arguments archive, part of Rutgers Law Library's New Jersey Digital Legal Library (NJDLL) project, was initiated by Carol A. Roehrenbeck, Associate Dean for Library and Information Services. "The goal of the Digital Legal Library," she explained, "is to provide the public with free online access to valuable New Jersey legal materials." To access the collection, which includes New Jersey Administrative Reports, Attorney General Opinions, Executive Orders, Council on Affordable Housing Decisions, and other items, visit <http://njlegallib.rutgers.edu/>.

With more than 513,000 volumes and volume-equivalents, the Rutgers-Newark Law Library is the most comprehensive law library in New Jersey. Its rich and diverse research collection includes both state and federal materials, supplemented by extensive holdings of international and foreign materials. The library also serves as a depository for both New Jersey and U.S. government documents, the internationally acclaimed holdings of the Don M. Gottfredson Library of Criminal Justice, and several special collections.

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