

IN THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS

Administrative Order

The Court of Special Appeals has become aware that there is significant public interest in *Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County v. Adebayo*, No. 1488, September Term, 2021, which is scheduled for oral argument on Thursday, October 6, 2022.¹ In order to preserve the safety of all persons in the courthouse and to preserve the decorum of the Court and its courtrooms, it is this 3rd day of October 2022, by the Court of Special Appeals, ORDERED as follows:

1. Sean Wolcuff, the Maryland Judiciary's Chief of Security, is responsible for security in and around the Courts of Appeal Building and coordinates security with local law enforcement personnel. All persons within the Courthouse will comply with the instructions of the Chief of Security and other law enforcement personnel.
2. The Public Information Officer, Office of Governmental Relations and Public Affairs, State of Maryland Judiciary, shall be designated as the Court's Media Liaison for purposes of this Order and can be reached at 410-260-1488, email address: Bradley.tanner@mdcourts.gov; terri.charles@mdcourts.gov. Bradley Tanner can be

¹ Oral argument is a time-limited opportunity for attorneys for the parties to orally explain the arguments advanced in their written briefs, and to respond to questions from the Court about those arguments. No witness testimony will be presented at oral argument, and the Court's decision will not be announced that day. Instead, the Court's decision will be contained in a written opinion, which will be filed on a later date.

reached directly at: 410-218-7418 and Terri Charles at: 410-703-3123. All media inquiries shall be directed to the Court's Media Liaison.

3. Under current protocols, all persons entering the Robert C. Murphy Courts of Appeals building will be subject to screening of their person and belongings at the entrance to the courthouse.

4. Seating in the Court of Special Appeals courtrooms is limited to 75 persons, exclusive of the judges and Court of Special Appeals personnel. Accordingly, seating will be given on a first come, first served basis. The Clerk of the Court of Special Appeals will open the doors of the Courtroom at 9:15 a.m. to allow attorneys and other persons to enter the courtroom, once available seating is filled, no more people will be permitted in the courtroom.

Note, that the Court of Special Appeals live-streams its oral arguments on its webpage, which can be viewed and heard on any device with internet access (<https://www.mdcourts.gov/cosappeals/webcasts/courtroomone>).

As a further accommodation, if the circumstances warrant it, the Court will play the livestream of the oral arguments in the second-floor lobby of the building.

5. No person shall disturb, disrupt, or in any way interfere with the Court proceedings, whether inside or outside of the courtroom. Any person disrupting the proceedings will be removed by law enforcement personnel from the courtroom and the courthouse.

5. The recording or transmission of the audio or video by any electronic device, including a mobile phone is prohibited. All mobile phones and other recording devices shall be turned off within the courtroom.

6. This Order will expire at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 6, 2022, and is subject to modification at any time.



/S/ Gregory Wells

Gregory Wells, Chief Judge