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Appellate Division, First Dept., to Broadcast Oral Arguments in Real Time

New York City – Presiding Justice Rolando T. Acosta announced that effective Tuesday, September 12, 2017, oral argument of cases before the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Judicial Department will be broadcast live over the internet. The public may watch the webcasts from most internet connected devices, including smart phones and tablet computers, by visiting the Court's website at www.nycourts.gov/courts/ad1/index.shtml. Additionally, a digital archive of oral arguments will be made available on the website for on-demand viewing, generally within five business days. Oral arguments will be screened to prevent the disclosure of confidential information, and such information will not be included in the digital archive.

Established by the New York State Constitution of 1894, the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Judicial Department, is one of four intermediate appellate courts in the State and holds jurisdiction over New York County and Bronx County. Appeals are taken to the Appellate Division, as a matter of right in civil and criminal cases, from the Supreme Court, Surrogate's Court, Family Court and Court of Claims. The First Department has held oral arguments at its historic courthouse, located at 27 Madison Avenue in Manhattan, since January 2, 1900.

"Our goal, inspired by Chief Judge Janet DiFiore's Excellence Initiative, is to use advances in technology to make the Court more accessible and transparent. We are opening the courthouse

doors even wider to the public, which I believe will engender confidence that courts – the last bastion of justice – have the requisite moral authority to dispense justice to all," said Justice Acosta.

"I am pleased that members of the public will now be able to observe this pre-eminent Court in action in real time from the convenience of their computer or mobile device. The Appellate Division, First Department's implementation of live streaming is yet another example of the Unified Court System's ongoing efforts to harness technology to educate the public about the Judiciary's vital work and build public trust in the courts as an institution. I want to thank Justice Acosta and his staff for their hard work toward that end," said Chief Judge DiFiore.

The Appellate Division, First Department, joins the Appellate Division's Second, Third and Fourth Departments, as well as the New York Court of Appeals – the State's highest court – in providing a live webcast of oral arguments.

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