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**ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT
TO MARK ITS 186th YEAR WITH ORAL ARGUMENT
IN OLD SUPREME COURT CHAMBER AT STATE CAPITOL**

(Little Rock, Arkansas) -- The Arkansas Supreme Court will mark its 186th anniversary by hearing the first oral argument of the 2022 Fall Term in the Old Supreme Court Chamber in the State Capitol building on **Thursday, September 29, 2022**. This proceeding is open to the public. The Court will hear the case CV-21-557, ***Keith Gibson et al. v. Mary Buonaiuto et al.***, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Sixteenth Division, beginning at **10:00 a.m.** A reception will be held at the Justice Building after the oral argument to celebrate the Court's anniversary and the beginning of a new term.

The Arkansas Supreme Court is committed to providing opportunities for Arkansas citizens to see how the state's highest court administers justice. "The Supreme Court is looking forward to holding its first oral argument of the term at the State Capitol in the Old Supreme Court Chamber. The last two years, Covid-19 restrictions prevented us from keeping with the tradition of holding our first oral argument of the term at the State Capitol. We are glad that we can resume this tradition," said Chief Justice Kemp.

History of the Arkansas Supreme Court

The Supreme Court was created by the Constitution of the State of Arkansas in 1836 when Arkansas joined the Union. Three justices sat on the original court until 1889, when the General Assembly increased the number of justices to five, as provided by the state's constitution. Expansion to the current seven positions came by way of a voter-approved constitutional amendment in 1925.

The Court met at the Old State House until 1863, when the Court temporarily moved to the City of Washington in Hempstead County as a result of the Civil War. The Court returned to the Old State House at the end of 1864. In 1912, the Court moved to the Arkansas State Capitol. Finally, in 1958, the Court moved to its current home in the Justice Building located at 625 Marshall Street in Little Rock, Arkansas. The Court traditionally hears the first argument of each term in the Old Supreme Court Chamber, which has been restored and preserved as a courtroom.

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