

Hon. Sharon Prost
Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
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Dear Chief Judge Prost:

Due to the heightened public interest in 19-1081, *National Veterans Legal Services Program, et al., v. U.S.*, we urge the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Federal Circuit to livestream oral argument audio in the case when it is presented on Feb. 3.

Livestreaming federal appeals has proven valuable to individuals across the country interested in listening to appellate judges weigh the merits of a case in an unfiltered, unbiased and contemporaneous way, as has been demonstrated in the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second, Fourth, Ninth and District of Columbia Circuits.

The Second and Fourth Circuits, for example, have authorized C-SPAN to stream argument audio on the cable outlet's website a half dozen times, while the Ninth and D.C. Circuits use their own recording equipment to run live audio from media players or streaming services embedded in their websites.

Either strategy, which we hope you consider for the Feb. 3 arguments, affords the public instant access to a primary source of information, thus allowing more citizens to participate in our democratic system and illustrating to a wide audience the care with which the judges of your court consider critical issues.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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