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## **Press Release** :

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### **Presiding Justice Announces the Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department to Sit at St. John's University School of Law**

**NEW YORK** Presiding Justice Randall T. Eng of the Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department, today announced that history will be made on April 4, 2013, when the court will hold its first ever sitting at a law school. While the court generally sits at the Appellate Division courthouse, located at 45 Monroe Place in Brooklyn Heights, as well as other courthouses located throughout the ten counties which comprise the Second Judicial Department, the Court has never held session in an academic setting. Shortly after he was named Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Department, PJ Eng, a St. John's Law School alumnus, collaborated with Dean Michael A. Simons to arrive at this new venue.

"I cannot tell you how proud I am to have the Appellate Division, Second Department, hold Court at my alma mater, St. John's University School of Law," said Presiding Justice Eng. "Although I attended St. John's Law School when it was located in Brooklyn, and therefore did not have the opportunity to study at the Utopia Parkway campus, I have had the privilege of visiting that campus numerous times, as a Director of the Alumni Association, as an adjunct

professor, and as a judge of several moot court competitions. It was during one of those competitions that the idea of having an actual appellate oral argument at St. John's was conceived. I hope it will be the first of many occasions the Appellate Division, Second Department has to hold sessions in law schools located within its jurisdiction."

Constructed in 2002, Belson Moot Courtroom boasts a number of technological advancements, including ceiling-mounted projectors and a closed circuit camera system. Its stadium seating makes it easy for the members of the audience to have an unrestricted view of the proceedings.

In addition to the participants in the oral argument, the Court session will be viewed by St. John's students, who will have the unique opportunity to witness appellate argument firsthand.

"It is a real privilege for St. John's to be the first law school in the Second Department to host a session of the appellate court on campus," said Dean Simons. "This is a unique opportunity for our students to observe actual appellate arguments in the Belson Moot Court Room, where they have been honing their own advocacy skills as part of their legal education. To have a panel of justices who are all graduates of St. John's will make the occasion particularly meaningful and memorable."

Presiding Justice Eng praised the Law School's personnel for their assistance. "I am grateful to Dean Simons, Vice Dean Emeritus Andrew J. Simons, and the Law School staff, who have been so accommodating and are hard at work to ensure that this historic event is a positive experience for both the Court and the parties who will appear before it."

The court will endeavor to fill its April 4 calendar with appeals submitted by attorneys who practice in Queens and Nassau County. Presiding Justice Eng will be joined on the bench by three colleagues who also earned their law degrees at St. John's, Associate Justices Reinaldo E. Rivera, Daniel D. Angiolillo, and Ruth C. Balkin.

Those interested in attending are encouraged to consult the Appellate Division's website at [www.nycourts.gov/courts/ad2](http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/ad2) for additional details.

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