



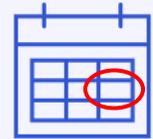
Introduction

Oral arguments are the point in the case appeals process where parties can further explain and emphasize the arguments made in their briefs to the appellate court judges. The judges can ask questions directly to the attorneys. There are no witnesses or testimony at the appellate court level.

Oral arguments must be allowed in every appellate case unless a panel of three judges unanimously agree that oral argument is unnecessary.

Court Calendar

The Fifth Circuit's [calendar](#) shows when the court is sitting, and which judges are assigned to hear oral arguments for which cases. The public and media can [attend oral arguments](#) in person at the courthouse or listen to [live oral arguments](#). Recordings of past arguments are also available.



Oral Argument Recordings

Oral Argument recordings from Fifth Circuit cases dating back to May 21, 2008, are available in MP3 format on the Fifth Circuit website's [Oral Arguments Recordings](#) page. Recordings from cases January 2021 to present are also available on the [Fifth Circuit's YouTube channel](#).

