

**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
IN SUPREME COURT**

**SUPREME COURT CALENDAR  
FEBRUARY 2012**

**Court convenes at 9:00 a.m.  
(unless otherwise noted)**

Please note the following time allotments  
for oral argument  
unless otherwise ordered by the Court:  
**appellants are limited to 35 minutes and**  
**respondents are limited to 25 minutes.**

**COURT CONVENES AT 9:00 A.M.**  
(unless otherwise noted)

**NOTE:** Attorneys who will be arguing cases on this calendar should complete and return the argument appearance form attached at the end of this calendar.

Attorneys in all cases scheduled for oral argument must check in with the Marshal in the courtroom no later than 8:40 a.m. Counsel should be present and be prepared to begin whenever their case is called.

**Chief Justice Lorie S. Gildea**  
**Justice Alan C. Page**  
**Justice Paul H. Anderson**  
**Justice Helen M. Meyer**  
**Justice G. Barry Anderson**  
**Justice Christopher J. Dietzen**  
**Justice David R. Stras**

**En Banc Oral**

	<b><u>Case Number</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
Abrahamson v. The St. Louis County School District, et al.	A10-2162	2/7/12	State Capitol Building, Second Floor
County of Washington v. City of Oak Park Heights	A11-0067	2/6/12	State Capitol Building, Second Floor
Giersdorf v. A & M Construction, Inc., et al.	A11-1841	2/8/12	State Capitol Building, Second Floor
Johnson v. Paynesville Farmers Union Cooperative Oil Company	A10-1596, A10-2135	2/9/12	State Capitol Building, Second Floor
Nguyen v. Audio Communications	A11-1784	2/6/12	State Capitol Building, Second Floor
State v. Brown	A10-0992, A11-1293	2/9/12	State Capitol Building, Second Floor
State v. Krause	A10-1091	2/7/12	State Capitol Building, Second Floor
Tatro v. University of Minnesota	A10-1440	2/8/12	State Capitol Building, Second Floor

**SUPREME COURT COURTROOM, STATE CAPITOL**

**Monday, February 6, 2012**

**En Banc Oral**

County of Washington,

Respondent,

vs. A11-0067

Pete Orput

Washington County Attorney

George Kuprian

Assistant County Attorney

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P.O. Box 6

Stillwater, Minnesota 55082

City of Oak Park Heights,

Appellant.

Pierre N. Regnier

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Lake Elmo, Minnesota 55042

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Minh Nguyen,

Relator,

vs. A11-1784

DeAnna M. McCashin

Schoep & McCashin, Chtd.

6747 State Highway 29 South

Alexandria, Minnesota 56308

Audio Communications and SFM Mutual  
Insurance Company,

Respondents.

Danielle T. Bird

Lynn, Sharfenberg & Associates

P.O. Box 9470

Minneapolis, Minnesota 55440

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**SUPREME COURT COURTROOM, STATE CAPITOL**

**Tuesday, February 7, 2012**

**En Banc Oral**

State of Minnesota, Respondent,	Lori Swanson Minnesota Attorney General John B. Galus Assistant Attorney General 445 Minnesota Street – Suite 1800 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101
vs. A10-1091	David J. Hauser Otter Tail County Attorney Otter Tail County Courthouse 121 Junius Avenue West – Suite 320 Fergus Falls, Minnesota 56537
Jeffrey Arthur Krause, Appellant.	David W. Merchant Chief Appellate Public Defender Renee J. Bergeron Assistant State Public Defender 540 Fairview Avenue North – Suite 300 St. Paul, Minnesota 55104

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Steven Abrahamson, et al., Respondents,	Erick G. Kaardal Mohrman & Kaardal, P.A. 33 South Sixth Street – Suite 4100 Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402
vs. A10-2162	
The St. Louis County School District, Independent School District No. 2142, et al., Appellants,	Stephen M. Knutson Michelle D. Kenney Knutson, Flynn & Deans, P.A. 1155 Centre Pointe Drive – Suite 10 Mendota Heights, Minnesota 55120
Office of Administrative Hearings, Respondent.	Lori Swanson Minnesota Attorney General Nathan James Hartshorn Assistant Attorney General 445 Minnesota Street – Suite 1800 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

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**SUPREME COURT COURTROOM, STATE CAPITOL**

**Wednesday, February 8, 2012**

**En Banc Oral**

Amanda Tatro,  
Appellant,  
vs. A10-1440

Jordan Scott Kushner  
Law Office of Jordan S. Kushner  
431 South 7th Street – Suite 2446  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415

University of Minnesota,  
Respondent.

Mark B. Rotenberg  
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200 Oak Street Southeast  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455

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Roger A. Giersdorf,  
Respondent,

vs. A11-1841

A & M Construction, Inc.,  
Respondent,

and

Devin J. Murphy  
Julia J. Douglass  
Aafedt, Forde, Gray, Monson &  
Hager, P.A.  
150 South Fifth Street – Suite 2600  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

The Hartford,  
Relator,

and

Thomas J. Peterson  
McCollum, Crowley, Moschet &  
Miller & Laak, Ltd.  
7900 Xerxes Avenue South – Suite 700  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55431

Merrimac Construction Company, Inc.  
and General Casualty Insurance  
Company,  
Respondents,

and

David O. Nirenstein  
Susan M. Hareid  
Fitch, Johnson, Larson & Held  
2021 East Hennepin Avenue – Suite 100  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55423

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Rivers Edge Hospital & Clinic, New  
River Medical Clinic, Mayo Clinic,  
Minneapolis Clinic of Neurology,  
Minnesota Department of Labor &  
Industry/VRU, Minnesota Department  
of Human Services/BRS, Hennepin  
Faculty Associates, Consulting  
Radiologists, HealthPartners, Inc.,  
intervenors,

Respondents.

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**SUPREME COURT COURTROOM, STATE CAPITOL**

**Thursday, February 9, 2012**

**En Banc Oral**

Oluf Johnson, et al.,		Arlo H. Vande Vegte
	Respondents,	Arlo H. Vande Vegte, P.A.
		12800 Industrial Park Boulevard – Suite 210
		Plymouth, Minnesota 55441
vs. A10-1596, A10-2135		Harry E. Burns, II
		Burns Law Office
		111 Ninth Avenue North
		St. Cloud, Minnesota 56303
Paynesville Farmers Union Cooperative Oil Company,		Kevin F. Gray
	Appellant.	Matthew W. Moehrle
		Rajkowski Hansmeier, Ltd.
		11 Seventh Avenue North
		P.O. Box 1433
		St. Cloud, Minnesota 56302

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State of Minnesota,		Lori Swanson
	Respondent,	Minnesota Attorney General
		445 Minnesota Street – Suite 1800
		St. Paul, Minnesota 55101
vs. A10-0992, A11-1293		Michael O. Freeman
		Hennepin County Attorney
		Michael Richardson
		Assistant County Attorney
		C-2000 Government Center
		300 South Sixth Street
		Minneapolis, Minnesota 55487
Jerrell Michael Brown,		David W. Merchant
	Appellant.	Chief Appellate Public Defender
		G. Tony Atwal
		Assistant Public Defender
		540 Fairview Avenue North – Suite 300
		St. Paul, Minnesota 55104

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Judgment Hennepin County



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305 Minnesota Judicial Center  
25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
St. Paul MN 55155**

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Case Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ representing \_\_\_\_\_

will argue this case before the Minnesota Supreme Court on \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

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