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Live streaming of Supreme Court hearing in election case

SANTA FE – Live streaming will be available Tuesday of a Supreme Court hearing in a case concerning procedures for the June primary election.

Oral arguments in the case will begin at 1:30 p.m., and New Mexico PBS, KNME-TV, will stream the hearing on its YouTube channel.

This will be the first hearing by the New Mexico Supreme Court conducted by video conferencing.

Attorneys in the case will appear by video using the Judiciary's audio-video system. Justice Barbara Vigil also will participate by video. Chief Justice Judith Nakamura, Justice Michael Vigil and retired Justices Richard Bosson and Edward Chávez will be present in the courtroom of the Supreme Court Building in Santa Fe. The in-person attendance will be strictly limited to comply with gathering restrictions and courtroom seating will be configured to meet social distancing requirements.

The retired justices were designated to participate in the case after Justices C. Shannon Bacon and David K. Thomson recused from the case.

At Tuesday's hearing, the Court is considering a petition by a group of county clerks seeking a court order to conduct the June 2 primary election by mail because of public health risks from the COVID-19 outbreak.

The case is *State ex rel Riddle v. Oliver*, No. S-1-SC-38228.

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