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## **Commonwealth Court to Hold Special Session at Duquesne**

The Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania will hold a special session at 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 4 in the McArdle Courtroom at Duquesne University School of Law in Pittsburgh.

The special session offers an opportunity for Duquesne students — as well as members of the public — to learn about the service of the judiciary to all Pennsylvanians.

Serving on the special session panel are Commonwealth Court Judges P. Kevin Brobson, Patricia A. McCullough and Michael H. Wojcik. The panel is scheduled to hear arguments in nine cases, including matters on appeal from Allegheny, Butler and Lawrence counties.

Following the special session, Commonwealth Court judges will hold a question-and-answer luncheon with students and faculty that will be moderated by Duquesne Law Interim Dean Maureen Lally-Green who previously sat on the Superior Court of Pennsylvania.

“We are honored to host the Commonwealth Court here at Duquesne,” Lally-Green said of the special session. “The panel provides an excellent opportunity for our law students and the public to witness the court in action. And we are grateful that the judges offered to meet with law students over lunch. We all are looking forward to welcoming the court to campus.”

Commonwealth Court has nine regular argument sessions per year – in Harrisburg, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Special sessions occasionally are held outside the regular venues to bring the workings of the court to more Pennsylvanians.

Commonwealth Court is one of Pennsylvania’s two statewide intermediate appellate courts. Established in 1968, the court is unlike any other state court in the nation. Its jurisdiction generally is limited to legal matters involving state and local government and regulatory agencies.

Litigation typically focuses on such subjects as banking, insurance and utility regulation and laws affecting taxation, land use, elections, labor practices and workers compensation. Commonwealth Court also acts as a court of original jurisdiction, or a trial court, when lawsuits are filed by or against the Commonwealth.

More on the Commonwealth Court and its judges can be found at:  
[www.pacourts.us/T/Commonwealth](http://www.pacourts.us/T/Commonwealth)

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