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During COVID-19 Pandemic, Pa Commonwealth Court Live-Streams on YouTube

Harrisburg – Committed to maintaining publicly accessible court proceedings, Pennsylvania’s Commonwealth Court today announced it will hold its first live stream hearing on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

The Honorable Kevin Brobson will preside over MFW Wine Co., LLC, A6 Wine Company, and GECC2 LLC d/b/a Bloomsday Café v Pa Liquor Control Board (251 MD 2020). The matter will be held via video conference between parties to the case and livestreamed on YouTube for media and the public.

“This is an unprecedented time in our history, but the work of the court continues, making it imperative that we find ways to adapt to the new normal,” said Commonwealth Court President Judge Mary Hannah Leavitt. “Using online video platforms allows us to maintain the highest level of health and safety while addressing the critical issues presented to the Court for consideration within a public forum.”

The link for media and the public to view the proceeding is <https://youtu.be/DdSLJyoW4IY>.

The case is an original jurisdiction action filed by licensed wine vendors against the PLCB seeking to compel the Board to implement a procedure to allow for special liquor orders to be delivered by licensed importers/vendors directly to their customers rather than to a state-owned liquor/wine retail store for pick-up.

The Commonwealth Court was established in 1968 and is one of Pennsylvania's two statewide intermediate appellate courts. The Commonwealth Court has subject matter jurisdiction over state and local government matters. It also acts as a trial court when lawsuits are filed by or against Commonwealth officials and Commonwealth agencies.

Appellate cases are generally heard by panels of three judges in Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Pittsburgh, although, on occasion, the Court sits in other locations. Cases may also be heard by a single judge or by *en banc* panels of seven judges.

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