



C-SPAN Statement In Response to Today's Supreme Court Announcement on Oral Argument Audio Release

(September 28, 2010 – Washington, DC) -- The Supreme Court today announced it would begin making audio recordings of each week's oral arguments available on its website each Friday. In the past, The Court entertained requests from news organizations for same-day release of some oral arguments with heightened public interest, a practice which will be discontinued with this new policy.

Reaction to today's Court announcement from C-SPAN President Susan Swain:

"While we applaud The Court's new policy, which helps advance the cause of greater public access to the institution, we do regret that it comes at the expense of occasional same-day release of arguments in cases with heightened public interest. Reporting on these key cases will be out for several days before the public is able to hear the arguments for themselves, in the Justices' own words. We continue to hope that the Court's next step will be same-day release of all oral arguments, and ultimately, television coverage of its public sessions."

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