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### **Texas Supreme Court to Convene at Baylor University School of Law**

WACO, Texas — The Supreme Court of Texas will hear oral arguments in two civil cases at the Sheila and Walter Umphrey Law Center on Thursday, February 20. The Court will convene in the Jim Kronzer Appellate Advocacy Classroom and Courtroom, room 127.

The Texas Supreme Court occasionally holds oral arguments in locations beyond Austin, fostering a greater understanding of the Texas justice system and promoting public transparency. This initiative offers students, faculty, alumni, and guests a unique opportunity to observe the judicial process firsthand.

The first case, the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley v. Oteka, arises from a personal injury lawsuit by a professor against her university employer. One issue is whether the professor was required to exhaust administrative remedies under the Texas Workers' Compensation Act before suing in district court.

In the second case, Walgreens v. McKenzie, a customer sued Walgreens for negligent hiring and other torts after an employee identified the customer, incorrectly, as a shoplifter to the police. One issue is whether a negligent hiring claim can proceed when the employee's underlying conduct is not actionable.

Doors will open at 9:30 a.m., and oral arguments will start at 10 a.m. The event is free and open to the public, but seating is limited. Advanced registration, which does not guarantee seating, is requested:

<https://law.baylor.edu/TXSCOralArguments>. The Court will stream the oral arguments on its [YouTube page](#) for those unable to attend in person.

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