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To Whom It May Concern:

You, your faculty, staff, and students are cordially invited to Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU) to hear a Mississippi Court of Appeals Oral Argument on Thursday, February 22, 2018, at 10:00 am. Attendees are required to be in Court at about 9:30 am before the Court's proceedings starts. The hearing will take place at the W.A. Butts Social Science Auditorium here at MVSU. This is the sixth year that the University is hosting the Court's proceedings on campus. During the Oral Argument, a three-judge panel will hear an appeal criminal case. The case to be heard is the criminal appeal of John Phinizee a/k/a/ John L. Phinizee, Jr. v. State of Mississippi, cause number 2016-CA-01230-COA.

Holding courts on University campuses presents opportunities for students and the general public to learn firsthand about the court's role in the administration of justice and cases that are of public interest. Students and the general public will have the opportunity after the oral arguments to ask questions regarding the court's functions and justice matters from the eminent judges.

We believe that your students will benefit from observing the court's proceedings, as this might serve as a source of inspiration to them to pursue legal education and also lead them to appreciate the role of courts in the administration of justice and the maintenance of law and order in our society. We are, therefore, inviting you and your students to come to our campus and observe the Courts of Appeals Oral Arguments on February 22, 2018.

**Please note that during the court proceedings, mobile (cellular) phones or back packs will not be allowed.**

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact us at the following phone numbers: 662-254-3364 and 662-254-3800.

Sincerely,

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