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Ninth Circuit to Hold Special Sitting at US District Court in Northern Mariana Islands

SAN FRANCISCO – The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit will hear oral arguments during a special sitting on September 24 at the U.S. District Court for the District of Northern Mariana Islands.

Oral arguments will be held at 8:45 a.m. ChST, Third Floor Courtroom, 1671 Gualo Rai Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan. A valid photo ID is required for admittance. Oral arguments will be livestreamed at <https://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/media/live-oral-arguments/>.

The three-judge panel will consist of Chief Circuit Judge Mary H. Murguia, Senior Circuit Judge M. Margaret McKeown and Circuit Judge Johnnie B. Rawlinson.

Cases on the docket are:

- Case No. 24-5761 - USA v. Sablan, an appeal from sentence imposed upon revocation of supervised release.
- Case No. 25-1088 - USA v. Weng, in which the government appeals a judgment of acquittal in favor of MeiFang Weng, after a jury trial on charges of conspiring to and aiding and abetting the transportation of an illegal alien. Case No. 25-1692 - USA v. Yang, in which HongJiang Yang appeals a judgment in a case in which the jury convicted him of the same crimes.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit hears appeals of cases decided by certain executive branch agencies and federal trial courts in nine western states and two Pacific island jurisdictions. The court meets monthly in San Francisco and Pasadena, California; with regular sittings in Seattle and Portland; as well as regular sittings at other federal courthouses in Phoenix, Las Vegas, Honolulu and Anchorage; and other locations. Oral argument dates and locations are available online at <https://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/calendar/>.

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