Court Advisory

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Fourth Court of Appeals to Hear Oral Argument

The Fourth Court of Appeals will hear oral arguments in one appeal on Wednesday, March 26, 2014, beginning at 9:00 a.m., before the following panel of justices: Chief Justice Catherine Stone, Justice Sandee Bryan Marion, and Justice Rebeca C. Martinez.

The following case will be presented:

Law Office of Oscar C. Gonzalez, Inc. and Oscar Gonzalez v. Isabel Sloan - After a jury trial, Sloan recovered a money judgment for actual damages plus treble damages under the DTPA based on deceptive conduct by attorney Oscar Gonzalez in failing to disclose the disciplinary history (a prior suspension) of another lawyer to whom he referred Sloan. The other lawyer deposited Sloan's settlement money in his trust account, but misapplied the money by using it for his own personal and business expenses. Some of the trust money was used to pay the Gonzalez law firm for rent and expenses.

The Fourth Court of Appeals will hear oral arguments in one appeal on Thursday, March 27, 2014, beginning at 9:00 p.m., before the following panel of justices: Justice Karen Angelini, Justice Sandee Bryan Marion, and Justice Patricia O. Alvarez.

The following case will be presented:

 $Ex \ parte \ Castillo -$ In this appeal, the Court will consider whether the Double Jeopardy Clause of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution bars the State from prosecuting Castillo for burglary of a habitation and aggravated assault because of his previous acquittal of capital murder.

The oral arguments will be held in the Fourth Court's Courtroom, Cadena-Reeves Justice Center, Third Floor, 300 Dolorosa, San Antonio, Texas.