

# Court Advisory

Fourth Court of Appeals  
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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, July 8, 2015, beginning at 9:00 a.m., before the following panel of justices: Chief Justice Sandee Bryan Marion, Justice Rebeca C. Martinez, and Justice Luz Elena D. Chapa.

The following case will be presented:

*ConocoPhillips Company v. Vaquillas Unproven Minerals, Ltd.* - This is a permissive, interlocutory appeal of a trial court's order on cross-motions for summary judgment. The trial court's order denies the motion for summary judgment filed by appellant, ConocoPhillips Company, and grants the cross-motion for partial summary judgment filed by appellee, Vaquillas Unproven Minerals, Ltd. The trial court's order declares that ConocoPhillips breached two oil and gas leases by failing to release all acreage in excess of 40 acres for each producing and shut-in natural gas well capable of producing in paying quantities. The sole issue presented on appeal is whether the trial court correctly concluded that the leases only allowed ConocoPhillips to retain 40 acres per well, as opposed to the 640 acres per well that ConocoPhillips believes it was entitled to retain.

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