Court Advisory

Fourth Court of Appeals Cadena-Reeves Justice Center 300 Dolorosa, Suite 3200 San Antonio, Texas 78205-3037



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Fourth Court of Appeals to Hear Oral Argument

The Fourth Court of Appeals will hear oral arguments in two appeals on Wednesday, April 9, 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 cases will be presented:

John David Samarripas v. State – A jury found appellant, John David Samarripas, guilty of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and assessed punishment at thirty-five years' confinement. On appeal, appellant asserts trial counsel rendered ineffective assistance by (1) eliciting testimony about extraneous offenses, and (2) failing to object to a jury instruction on extraneous offenses.

PNP Petroleum, I LP and PNP Management, Inc. v. Edna Earnest Taylor and Elizabeth Earnest Taylor - This appeal arises from a dispute over whether the term of an oil and gas lease was extended by a payment made by the lessee. Ruling on cross-motions for summary judgment and motions to reconsider, the trial court concluded that the lease was not extended by the payment. The issues raised on appeal challenge the trial court's sustaining of objections to summary judgment evidence and its construction of the lease.

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