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 Thursday, May 17, 2012, beginning at 9:00 a.m., before the following panel of justices: Justice Karen Angelini, Justice Sandee Bryan Marion, and Justice Phylis J. Speedlin.

The following case will be presented:

Carl Martin Gamboa, Lawrence Alexander Partnership, Lawrence Alexander, Inc., Medical Center Southwest Ltd., Real Source Investments, Inc., Rubicon, Rubicon Medical Group, Inc., Unicorp, Unicorp, Inc., U.S. Health Facilities Development Corporation, et al. v. Patricia Gamboa - This is an appeal from a divorce action involving various trusts. The final decree of divorce was based on a settlement agreement. The appeal raises issues related to one party's revocation of the settlement agreement. The appeal also raises issues related to the law of trusts, including another party's standing to sue the various trusts.

The Fourth Court of Appeals will hear oral arguments in one appeal on Thursday, May 17, 2012, beginning at 10:00 a.m., before the following panel of justices: Justice Karen Angelini, Justice Phylis J. Speedlin, and Justice Rebecca Simmons.

The following case will be presented:

In re American Power Conversion Corporation, Relator - This original proceeding stems from a discovery dispute in a product liability lawsuit. The plaintiffs, Sara Villarreal, individually and as next friend of Carlota Martinez, a minor child, allege their home fire was caused by an APC power supply cord. The trial court ordered discovery of APC products that Relator alleges were (1) never used by the plaintiffs and (2) do not have a similar design to the product purchased by the plaintiffs. During the motion to compel, the trial court focused on whether the plaintiffs should be required to discovery requests. The issue presented in this original proceeding is whether the trial court's order was sufficiently tailored to prevent an abuse of the discovery process.

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