

Court Advisory

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Fourth Court of Appeals to Hear Oral Argument

The Fourth Court of Appeals will hear oral arguments in three appeals on Tuesday, October 25, 2016, at the Webb County Courthouse beginning at 9:00 a.m., before the following panel of justices: Justice Karen Angelini, Justice Marialyn Barnard, and Justice Rebeca C. Martinez.

The following cases will be presented:

ConocoPhillips Company v. Leon Oscar Ramirez, Jr., Individually, and Jesus M. Dominguez, as Guardian for Minerva Ramirez, an incapacitated person, Individually– This appeal and cross-appeal arises out of a trespass to try title suit filed by the heirs of Leonor Ramirez to determine whether they inherited the mineral estate as well as the surface estate of the “Las Piedras Ranch,” or whether they only inherited a severed surface estate. The appeal also involves affirmative defenses such as statute of limitations raised by ConocoPhillips, issues concerning the co-tenancy accounting granted by the trial court, and the award of attorney’s fees.

In the Estate of Carlos Aguilar, Deceased – This appeal arises out of an estate administration matter. On appeal, appellants contend the trial court erred in denying the co-administrator’s request to withdraw funds from the court registry to pay the attorneys who successfully prosecuted the Estate’s claims relating to the accident that killed the deceased.

In the Guardianship of George V. Garcia, an incapacitated person. – In this appeal, the Appellant challenges the amount of fees paid to a guardian ad litem, an attorney ad litem, and a temporary guardian in a contested guardianship case.