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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, October 13, 2016, beginning at 10:00 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:

City of San Antonio v. San Antonio Firefighters' Association, Local 624 - This is a permissive interlocutory appeal by the City of San Antonio from the trial court's denial of the City's motion for summary judgment. The issues presented by the City are: (1) Whether the collective bargaining agreement between the City and the Union, as extended by an evergreen clause, is void because it creates an unfunded debt in violation of Article XI, Sections 5 and 7 of the Texas Constitution; and (2) Whether the collective bargaining agreement between the City and the Union, as extended by an evergreen clause, is void or terminable at will because it violates public policy by restricting the City's free exercise of its governmental powers.

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