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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, May 23, 2018, beginning at 2:00 p.m., before the following panel of justices: Chief Justice Sandee Bryan Marion, Justice Karen Angelini, and Justice Patricia O. Alvarez.

The following case will be presented:

El Caballero Ranch, Inc. and Laredo Marine, L.L.C. v. Grace River Ranch, L.L.C. - The underlying dispute involves three ranches in La Salle County, Texas: (1) El Caballero Ranch owned by El Caballero Ranch, Inc.; (2) 7 C's Ranch owned by Laredo Marine, L.L.C.; and (3) Grace River Ranch owned by Grace River Ranch, L.L.C. El Caballero and Laredo Marine appeal a final judgment entered after a jury trial which incorporated two prior orders granting motions for summary judgment. El Caballero and Laredo Marine assert the trial court erred in granting summary judgment in favor of Grace River and declaring a public road and a private easement across El Caballero Ranch and 7 C's Ranch to be valid and subsisting. They also contend that if this court reverses the summary judgment declaring the private easement to be valid and subsisting, then the trial court erred in concluding as a matter of law that they were liable on Grace River's private nuisance and breach of easement agreement claims. Finally, El Caballero and Laredo Marine contend that if this court sustains any of their issues, we should reverse the award of attorney's fees and costs to Grace River and remand for the trial court to reconsider all parties' requests for attorney's fees and costs.

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