

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 Wednesday, April 8, 2015, beginning at 9:00 a.m., before the following panel of justices: Justice Patricia O. Alvarez, Justice Luz Elena D. Chapa, and Justice Jason Pulliam.

The following case will be presented:

Andres Alfredo Segovia v. State of Texas - This case stems from Appellant Andres Alfredo Segovia's conviction for the murder of Joel Flores. Segovia was sentenced to fifty-five years' confinement in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. On appeal, Segovia asserts several errors by the trial court: (1) excluding the testimony and photographs taken by defense investigator Manuel Alfaro; (2) allowing the testimony of Deputy Miguel Tena Mora regarding Segovia's affiliation with the Mexican Mafia; (3) rejecting Segovia's requested jury charge instruction of sudden passion; and (4) instructing the jury "you will find" rather than "if you find" with regard to the habitual felony enhancement allegation.

The Fourth Court of Appeals will hear oral arguments in one appeal on Thursday, April 9, 2015, 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 case will be presented:

Joshua Orcasitas v. State of Texas - Joshua Orcasitas appeals his conviction for murder, asserting that the prosecutor engaged in improper jury argument and that the evidence is legally and factually insufficient to support the jury's rejection of his claim that the murder was committed under the immediate influence of sudden passion arising from an adequate cause.

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