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Fourth Court of Appeals to Hear Oral Argument

The Fourth Court of Appeals will hear oral arguments in one original proceeding on Wednesday, November 29, 2017, beginning at 11:00 a.m., before the following panel of justices: Justice Patricia O. Alvarez, Justice Luz Elena D. Chapa, and Justice Irene Rios.

The following case will be presented:

In re Cynthia S. Hale - Relator Cynthia Hale brought this mandamus proceeding to challenge temporary orders appointing Cynthia Hale and Jennifer Hall joint managing conservators over three children born to Hale by way of in vitro fertilization while Hale and Hall were involved in a relationship. Hale contends the trial court abused its discretion by ruling the couple were in a common law marriage. Hale also contends the trial court abused its discretion by ruling Hall had standing to bring a Suit Affecting Parent Child Relationship. Hall contends the trial court correctly ruled on the existence of a common law marriage, and she has standing under the Texas Family Code.

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