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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 Tuesday, November 5, 2019, beginning at 2:00 p.m., before the following panel of justices: Justice Rebeca C. Martinez, Justice Patricia O. Alvarez, and Justice Luz Elena D. Chapa.

The following case will be presented:

John Joe Avalos v. The State of Texas – In these consolidated cases, the issues are whether Texas Penal Code section 12.31(a)(2) is unconstitutionally "cruel and unusual" under the state and federal constitutions because it requires the imposition of an automatic life sentence in capital offenses, without the possibility of a parole release, on intellectually disabled adults.

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