Law Day Oral Argument Session 5th District Court of Appeal, 2009

Honorable Jacqueline R. Griffin, Presiding Judge
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These will be actual appeals and arguments made by practicing attorneys on behalf of their clients. The panel will consist of The Honorable Jacqueline R. Griffin (Presiding Judge), Honorable C. Alan Lawson, and Honorable Kerry I. Evander.

The Court will hear oral arguments for the following three cases during the visit: Huck v State (Criminal Law; Ineffective Counsel); Alsobiae v Parkinson (Contract Issue); and Demings, Sheriff v Orange County Citizen Review Board (Separation of Powers; Florida Constitutional Law). Following each oral argument, the Court will pause to take questions from the gallery. The Court will not entertain questions directly concerning the arguments presented; however, all aspects of the Court’s procedures and operations may be asked. These questions may be directed to the Court, an individual judge, or a representing attorney.

“There are a number of opportunities during the semester when we encourage students to visit a court,” says Legal Writing Instructor Timothy Blevins. “On April 8th, the Court comes to our students, a rare opportunity that results in a minimal impact on student time.”

5th DCA Protocols:
Visitors to the Court may enter and leave as they wish. The Court does not require anyone to remain for all arguments or for a complete argument. Bags, purses, backpacks, and similar containers are not allowed in the courtroom. Upon completion of an oral argument the Court will allow visitors to ask questions. No eating, drinking, or chewing gum.

This special session is open to the FAMU College of Law community and by invitation only to the greater Orlando legal community.