

Supreme Court of Florida

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2000

ALBERT GORE, JR., ET AL. vs. KATHERINE HARRIS, ETC.,
ET AL.

Case No. SC00-2431

DCA Case No. 1D00-4745
Circuit Court Case No. 00-2808

Appellants

Appellees

ORDER SETTING ORAL ARGUMENT AND SETTING BRIEFING SCHEDULE

The District Court of Appeal, First District, has certified, pursuant to article V, section 3(b)(5) of the Constitution of Florida, that the order of the trial court in this Court's Case No. SC00-2431 passes upon a question of great public importance requiring immediate resolution by this Court.

The Court will hear oral argument at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 7, 2000. Two attorneys for each party and one party representative may attend oral argument. Counsel shall designate the attorneys and parties with the Clerk's Office no later than 12:00 noon Wednesday, December 6, 2000.

A maximum of 30 minutes to the side is allowed, but counsel are expected to use only so much of that time as is necessary. Each side is responsible for apportioning the time allowed.

Briefs, which shall include the issue of this Court's exercising its discretion to accept this case, shall be filed by 12:00 noon Wednesday, December 6, 2000. Please file an original and nine copies of all briefs. Per this Court's Administrative Order In Re: Mandatory Submission of Briefs on Computer Diskette dated February 5,

1999, counsel are directed to include a copy of all briefs on a DOS formatted 3-1/2 inch diskette in Word Perfect 5.1 (or higher) format. **PLEASE LABEL ENVELOPE TO AVOID ERASURE.** Appendices and exhibits should also be submitted on diskette, if possible. **UNLESS BRIEFS ARE TIMELY FILED, THE PRIVILEGE OF ORAL ARGUMENT WILL BE FORFEITED.**

No amicus curiae filings will be permitted in this case.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Leon County, Florida shall file the original record by 12:00 noon Wednesday, December 6, 2000.

ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES FOR THE ORAL ARGUMENT ARE SET FORTH IN THE ATTACHMENT.

WELLS, C.J., and SHAW, HARDING, ANSTEAD, PARIENTE, LEWIS and QUINCE, JJ., concur.

A True Copy

TEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas D. Hall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Thomas D. Hall
Clerk, Supreme Court

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