

Supreme Court of Florida

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2005

CASE NO.: SC04-2323, SC04-2324 & SC04-2325
Lower Tribunal Nos.: 1D02-3160,
1D02-3163,
1D02-3199

JOHN ELLIS "JEB" BUSH, ETC., vs. RUTH D. HOLMES, ET AL.
ET AL.

CHARLES J. CRIST, JR., ETC. vs. RUTH D. HOLMES, ET AL.

BRENDA MCSHANE, ETC., vs. RUTH D. HOLMES, ET AL.
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Appellant(s)

Appellee(s)

Due to the degree of public and media attention afforded to this case, the following special procedures shall be observed before, during, and after oral arguments on June 7, 2005:

1. Courtroom Seating. Courtroom seating is extremely limited due to regulations of the fire marshal. A maximum of about 100 seats in the courtroom will be available on a first-come, first-served basis to both the public and the media. When the courtroom is full, no others will be admitted. Doors will open to the general public and the media at 8:30 a.m. ET. All cameras, cell phones, and portable communications devices must be surrendered to Security at the entrance of the Supreme Court Building and reclaimed upon departure, so the public and the media are advised not to bring such devices.

2. Media Seating and Related Matters. There will be no reserved seating for the media. This is a one-day event, and out-of-town media thus will not be in place in Tallahassee in time to gauge demand or establish a special courtroom credentialing system for reserved seating. Media should limit the number of people seeking courtroom seats to one per organization. For this session, no electronic recording devices will be permitted into the courtroom. The closed captioning transcript of the proceedings will be posted as soon as possible on the Gavel to Gavel website under the June 7 entry at:

<http://wfsu.org/gavel2gavel>

3. Attorneys & Parties in the Case. All attorneys for Appellant and Appellee will be seated in the well. Attorneys for amici will be seated in the well, if there is room. No more than three attorneys can sit at each of the two counsel tables. Attorneys and parties in the case should report to the Court entrance no later than 8:15 a.m. ET for advance security screening. Attorneys and parties are subject to further orders that the Court may enter as it deems necessary.

4. End of Arguments. At the end of arguments, spectators and all media shall remain seated in the courtroom to permit the attorneys and parties to leave the courtroom and the building first. If they wish to do so after Court recesses, the attorneys and parties may proceed directly to the location set up for pool camera interviews across the street on the capitol property terraces (Waller Park). A security escort will take them to the pool media site if necessary. The Marshal will notify the spectators and media when to leave the courtroom and building.

5. Media Interviews. In cooperation with the Capitol Police and Florida Department of Law Enforcement, WFSU/The Florida Channel will set up a special area on capitol property at Waller Park for post-argument media statements and interviews by attorneys in the case, weather permitting. A pool video/audio feed will be set up and maintained at this location by WFSU/The Florida Channel. The total time allotted for pool-fed interviews after arguments is 20 to 30 minutes, so attorneys for each side will be given half of the available time each and must decide who will speak. Media who wish to take part in the post-argument interviews will be able to use the pool feed at this location, and Capitol Police may require press credentials to gain access to this site. If weather is inclement, pooling arrangements will be set up in another location to be announced immediately before arguments.

6. Post-Argument Rally. Media and the public are advised that several national and state organizations have received permits from the Department of Management Services to hold a rally at Waller Park during and after oral arguments and expect a large number of attendees, so space may be limited there. Traffic along Duval Street may be affected by this rally.

7. Video Cameras & Video/Audio Feeds. As part of its normal coverage, WFSU/The Florida Channel will carry the case live beginning at 9:00 a.m. ET according to its usual procedures. In addition, WFSU has booked satellite time and will provide a clean feed of the proceedings beginning with a test pattern at 8:45 a.m. ET. Live coverage of arguments will be followed by live pool coverage of any statements by or interviews with the attorneys and parties at the pool media site on the capitol property, and will end promptly at 10:45 a.m.

Broadcasters who wish to utilize this clean feed must contact Mike Dunn at WFSU at (850) 487-3170 ext. 348 or mdunn@fsu.edu to arrange for reception under conditions he may require. Mr. Dunn should be contacted as early as possible to arrange for this service. Satellite information is as follows:

Satellite: AMC 09 (Ku analog), 83 degrees WL

Transponder: 17

Downlink frequency: 12040 (H)

Audio: 6.2 or 6.8 mono

Time: 0845-1045 ET

All media that wish to access the live feed of courtroom proceedings at the courthouse must do so using the pool mult box that will be located on the capitol property and maintained by WFSU/The Florida Channel. This is the same pooling arrangement that will be used for post-argument interviews. The internal Supreme Court press room is too small and will not be open for the arguments in this case.

8. Still Photographers. All media still photographers who wish to cover arguments must register in advance with the Court's Public Information Officer, Mr. Craig Waters, no later than 5 p.m., Eastern Time, on Thursday, June 2, 2005. Registration requires leaving all available contact information including all available phone numbers and E-mail. A pooling system will be instituted, and details will be released to all registered photographers on Friday, June 3, 2005. Pool photographers may be assigned to specific locations in the courtroom, where they shall remain until the Marshal informs spectators and media that they may leave. As a condition of being chosen, pool photographers must supply all photographs they or their organizations use to any other media organization that requests them.

9. Satellite Trucks & Media Vehicles. Due to lack of space, satellite trucks and other media vehicles may not be parked on Florida Supreme Court property. Capitol Police have also indicated that satellite trucks may not be parked in the bus lanes at the capitol complex across from the Supreme Court Building or anywhere else along Duval Street in front of the Court or on streets surrounding the Court. Because a live satellite feed will be available for both arguments and post-argument interviews, satellite trucks are strongly discouraged. Owners of satellite trucks that do come for this event must independently make arrangements for parking, cabling, and all other arrangements.

10. Netcasts of Oral Arguments. This case will be broadcast in its entirety in RealPlayer and Windows Media formats on the broadcast website maintained by Florida State University through WFSU/The Florida Channel as part of its contract with the Court (wfsu.org/gavel2gavel). WFSU has arranged to expand its available bandwidth for this event in anticipation of demand. The media and the public are advised that Web broadcasts cannot be considered reliable and may fail if demand exceeds capacity. The most reliable means of watching the case live is on The Florida Channel, which is available via many cable companies in Florida. Information on those cable companies is located at:

http://wfsu.org/Florida_Channel/legcarriage.htm

11. Distribution of Documents. Electronic copies of all documents will be placed on the Supreme Court website on the Public Information Page located at:

<http://www.floridasupremecourt.org>

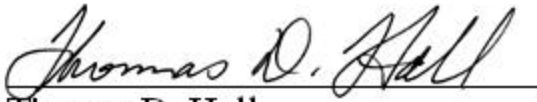
Anyone seeking documents should attempt to get them from this website before seeking paper copies. Requests for paper copies of documents in this case will require the usual statutory payment of \$1.00 per page. Requests for paper copies should be directed to the Clerk's Office.

12. Opinion Release. As with any opinion of the Florida Supreme Court, the date of release will not be announced in advance. At the time of release, the library staff and Court Public Information Officer will see that the opinion is posted on the Court website following standard procedures.

13. ADA Notice. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding in the courtroom, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Gwen Speights of the Marshal's Office, Florida Supreme Court, 500 S. Duval St., Tallahassee FL 32399, phone (850) 488-8845 within 2 working days of your receipt of this Order; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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