

Supreme Court of Florida

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2004

CASE NO.: SC04-925

Lower Tribunal Nos.: 2D04-2045,
03-8212-CI-20

JEB BUSH, GOVERNOR OF
FLORIDA, ET AL.

MICHAEL SCHIAVO
GUARDIAN:
THERESA SCHIAVO

Petitioner(s)

Respondent(s)

Due to the degree of media attention afforded to this case, the following special procedures shall be observed before, during, and after oral arguments on August 31, 2004:

1. Courtroom Seating. All seats in the courtroom will be on a first-come, first-served basis. When the courtroom is full, no others will be admitted. Doors will open to the general public and the media at 8:00 a.m. ET.

All 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 if at all possible.

2. Media Seating. 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 credentialing system for reserved seating. Media should limit the number of people seeking courtroom seats to one per organization.

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 7:45 a.m. ET for advance security screening. Attorneys should report to the courtroom no later than 8:00 a.m. for an advance briefing on procedures.

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. A security escort will take them to the pool media site. The Marshal will notify the spectators and media when to leave the courtroom and building.

5. Media Interviews. In cooperation with the Court, the Capitol Police, WFSU/The Florida Channel, and the Florida Association of Broadcasters, a special area will be set up on the capitol property for post-argument media interviews of attorneys and parties. A pool video/audio feed will be set up and maintained by WFSU/The Florida Channel. Media who wish to take part in the post-argument interviews will be able to use the pool feed at this location.

6. 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 8:30 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. Time permitting, the oral arguments will be re-fed. 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. 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 Schiavo arguments.

7. Still Photographers. All 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, August 26, 2004. 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, August 27, 2004. Three pool photographers will be selected by all registered photographers at a meeting they shall conduct on their own, which can be a telephone conference call, and they shall submit the names to Mr. Waters no later than noon, August 30, 2004. If they are unable to select or do not select photographers and notify Mr. Waters by the deadline, the pool positions will be named by Mr. Waters from the list of registered still photographers. Pool photographers will 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.

8. 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. A request has been made by WFSU to secure a common parking area for satellite trucks. There is no guarantee at this time that a common parking area will be approved by the appropriate authorities. If approved, that space will be first come first served, and limited to satellite trucks only. Details, including the date/time that parking becomes available, will be provided as the plan moves forward. For further information on satellite truck arrangements contact WFSU/The Florida Channel. Because a live satellite feed will be available for both arguments and post-argument interviews, satellite trucks are strongly discouraged.

9. Netcasts of Oral Arguments. The Schiavo 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. C-SPAN-2 has indicated that it may broadcast the Schiavo case live, but has not confirmed at the present time.

10. Distribution of Documents. Electronic copies of all documents will be placed on the Supreme Court websites located at:

<http://www.flcourts.org/pubinfo/schiavo>

and

<http://www.firn.edu/supct/pubinfo/schiavo>

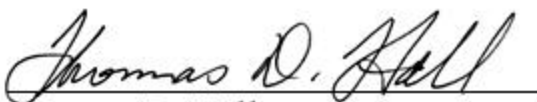
Anyone seeking documents should attempt to get them from the two websites above before seeking paper copies. Requests for paper copies of documents in this case will require the usual statutory payment of \$1.00 per page. Requests for paper copies should be directed to the Clerk's Office.

11. 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 Public Information Officer will see that the opinion is posted on the websites following standard procedures.

12. ADA Notice. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Colleen Helm, 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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