



# Supreme Court of Florida

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## Oral Argument Press Summaries May 8, 2018

Tuesday, May 8

In Re: Amendments to the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, Rules 3-4.3, 3-5.3, and 4-3.1, [SC17-1965](#)  
starts about 9:00 a.m.

This member-initiated petition proposes amending Bar rules concerning frivolous proceedings. Proposed changes address grievance proceedings, uniformity in rules enforcement, determination of guilt, self-reporting requirements, and expanded use of diversion or enhancement programs.

The Florida Bar v. Jeremy W. Alters, [SC14-100](#)  
starts about 9:30 a.m.

The Florida Bar seeks review of a report of referee recommending that Mr. Jeremy Alters be found guilty of violating two Rules Regulating the Florida Bar for failing to adequately maintain a trust account, and recommending that no further disciplinary sanctions be imposed. The Bar seeks for the Court to disapprove several of the referee's recommendations as to guilt, and seeks for the Court to disbar Mr. Alters.

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D.H., et al. v. Adept Community Services, Inc., et al., [SC17-829](#)

Pinellas County – starts about 10:10 a.m.

D.H. and L.H., twins and minor children, through their legal guardians and grandparents, sued Adept Community Services and B.E.A.R.R. for negligence, which allegedly occurred while providing in-home support services to their developmentally disabled mother, that led to their physical and psychological injuries. Both companies argued the four-year statute of limitations for negligence claims had expired and neither could be held responsible for the twins' injuries. The trial court agreed. The Second District Court of Appeal upheld the trial court's ruling. D.H. and L.H. ask this court to review the case, arguing the decisions of the lower courts conflict with decisions of multiple District Courts of Appeal regarding the calculation of time for legal action.

Trenea Simmonds, et al. v. Connor Perkins [SC17-1963](#)

Broward County – starts at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Perkins is the biological father of a child born to Ms. Simmonds during her marriage to another man. Mr. Perkins filed a petition to establish paternity and child support as to this child. The trial court dismissed the petition, ruling that Florida law prohibits a biological father from establishing his paternity as to a child born to an intact marriage when the mother and her husband object. Mr. Perkins appealed and the Fourth District reversed the dismissal. Ms. Simmonds now seeks this Court's review arguing the 4DCA decision conflicts with decisions of this Court and other District Courts of Appeal.

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