



# Supreme Court of Florida

## Oral Argument Press Summaries June 5-9 & 28

no arguments on June 5 or June 8-9

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### Tuesday June 6

#### [In Re: Amendments to the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure – 2017 Regular Cycle, SC17-152](#)

statewide – starts about 9:00 a.m.

The Florida Bar's Appellate Court Rules Committee has proposed changes to the rules governing appellate procedure as part of a regular cycle of rule review and revision. Among other changes, one proposed revision would require appeals from county courts to circuit courts to be heard by a panel of three judges rather than just a single judge.

#### [Vahtiece Kirkman v. State, SC16-808](#)

Brevard County – starts about 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Kirkman was convicted of the first-degree murder of Darice Knowles, who was buried alive in 2006. The jury voted 10-2 to recommend a death sentence and the trial court condemned Mr. Kirkman to death. This is his direct appeal.

**Wednesday, June 7**

[In Re: Amendments to the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.010 and Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.440, SC16-1062](#)  
statewide – starts about 9:00 a.m.

The Florida Bar's Rules of Judicial Administration Committee has proposed changes to the rules governing judicial administration to modify how attorneys appear in a case, define an attorney of record, and create the designations of lead counsel, additional counsel, and limited representation counsel. The Florida Bar's Criminal Procedure Rules Committee, Appellate Court Rules Committee and Juvenile Court Rules Committee proposed changes to their respective bodies of rules to address any conflicts with the proposed amendments to the Rules of Judicial Administration and to provide certain exceptions to those rules.

[In Re: Amendments to the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration – 2017 Regular-Cycle Report, SC17-155](#)  
statewide – starts about 9:30 a.m.

As part of a regular cycle of rule review and revision, the Florida Bar's Rules of Judicial Administration Committee has proposed changes to update and clarify rules that deal with amending rules of court, out-of-state attorneys and service of documents to other parties.

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[Dennis Glover v. State, SC15-1578](#)  
Duval County – starts about 10:10 a.m.

Mr. Glover was convicted of the first-degree murder of Sandra Allen, who was fatally strangled and stabbed in 2012. The jury voted 10-2 to recommend a death sentence and the trial court condemned Mr. Glover to death. This is his direct appeal.

[Gregory Presley v. State, SC16-2089](#)

Alachua County – starts about 11:10 a.m.

Mr. Presley was a passenger in a car stopped for running a stop sign and faulty taillights. Police told Mr. Presley that he couldn't leave. Mr. Presley said he had been drinking. The police ran an identification check and discovered that Mr. Presley was on probation and barred from drinking. The police arrested him on a charge of violating probation, searched him and found drugs in his pocket. In court, Mr. Presley argued that the officers violated his constitutional protection against unreasonable seizures when they refused to allow him to leave during the traffic stop. The trial court denied his motion to suppress, revoked his probation, and sentenced him to prison. The First District Court of Appeal upheld the trial court's ruling and certified conflict with a decision by the Fourth District Court of Appeal on the same legal issue.

**Wednesday, June 28**

[Aramis Ayala, etc., v. Rick Scott, governor, SC17-653](#)

Orange County – starts about 9:00 a.m.

Ninth Judicial Circuit State Attorney Aramis Ayala has challenged Gov. Rick Scott's power to reassign death penalty cases in the Ninth Judicial Circuit to Fifth Judicial Circuit State Attorney Brad King.