

The Clerk's Office, as directed by the court, provides the following information regarding oral argument in State of Texas, et al v. USA, et al (No. 15-40238).

On Friday, April 17, 2015, the court will hear oral argument in this case in the West Courtroom, Room 265, of the John Minor Wisdom United States Court of Appeals Building, 600 Camp Street, New Orleans, LA. The argument will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. The Court is allowing each side one hour for argument.

We will reserve a number of seats for credentialed members of the press. Press should contact Geralyn Maher (geralyn_maher@ca5.uscourts.gov or 504-310-7630) before 11:00 a.m. CST on Wednesday, April 15, to request reserved seating.

Others wishing to attend the argument should be at the main entrance to the courthouse on Camp Street by 9:00 AM on April 17. At that time, court staff will issue seating numbers to those in line. In the event of inclement weather, staff will issue numbers inside the building. Those receiving seating numbers are not allowed to give them to anyone else or hold places in line.

As seating in the West Courtroom is limited, the court will broadcast a live audio feed of the argument into the two other courtrooms, for the benefit of any visitors who do not receive seats in the West Courtroom. We also will make recordings of the argument available online within one hour of the conclusion of the argument.

All visitors must show photo identification and undergo a thorough security screening to enter the courthouse. To decrease the screening time required, we encourage visitors not to bring any electronic devices into the courthouse. No signs, placards, or messages on clothing are permitted in the courthouse.

After admission to the courtroom, visitors must remain in seats until the end of the hearing and must be silent during the proceedings.

Special notice: No visitor or member of the press may use any electronic device, such as a cell phone, voice recorder, laptop, or other equipment while in the courtrooms. Neither visitors nor the press may blog, tweet, or otherwise transmit contemporaneous or live transcription or observations or other messages from the courtroom. Any person with an electronic device must turn the device off (not just mute or silence the device or put it in airplane mode). Court Security Officers will remove any individual violating these rules and refer the violation to the court for possible action.

Finally, food and beverages (including bottled water) are strictly prohibited in the courtrooms.