

The Clerk's Office provides the following information regarding oral argument in case No. 24-50149, USA, Et Al. v. State of Texas, Et Al.

On Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 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 9:00 a.m. The Court is allowing each side thirty minutes for argument.

We will reserve a limited number of seats for credentialed members of the press. Press should contact Charles Whitney (charles_whitney@ca5.uscourts.gov or 504-310-7679) before 12:00 p.m. Central on Monday, April 1, 2024, to request reserved seating.

Others wishing to attend the argument should be at the main entrance to the courthouse on Camp Street by 8:00 a.m. on April 3. 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.

Seating in the West Courtroom is limited. An audio livestream of the argument will be available at this link: [West Courtroom](#). We also will make the recording of the argument available on the court's website and YouTube channel on the afternoon 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. Loitering in the hallways before, during, and after the hearing is not allowed.

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.