



Supreme Court of Florida

Oral Argument Press Summaries Feb. 7 & Feb. 21, 2018

Wednesday, Feb. 7

Luis Jimenez v. State, etc., et al., [SC16-1976](#)

Dade County – starts about 9:00 a.m.

The city of Aventura issued a traffic citation to Mr. Jimenez, alleging he ran a red light. He challenged the citation, arguing the city's contract with a red-light camera company violated state law by delegating too much responsibility to the private company. The city and state disagreed. The trial court dismissed the citation but certified legal questions raised by Mr. Jimenez as issues of great public importance for review by the Third District Court of Appeal. The 3rd DCA rejected Mr. Jimenez's arguments but also certified the issues as matters of great public importance for this Court's review.

Sierra Club v. Julie Brown, etc., et al., [SC17-82](#)

statewide – starts about 9:40 a.m.

Sierra Club challenges a decision made by the Public Service Commission, which regulates public utilities, to approve a rate increase requested by Florida Power & Light. Sierra Club argues that FPL's decision to replace aging generators was not prudent because it did not consider other alternatives for generating power. The PSC and FPL argue that the decision was appropriate and proper.

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Dante Martin v. State, [SC17-200](#)

Orange County – starts about 10:30 a.m.

After Robert Champion was fatally injured during a hazing incident, Mr. Martin was charged with manslaughter, felony hazing resulting in death and two counts of misdemeanor hazing. He was convicted and sentenced to six years in prison. At trial and on appeal, he challenged the constitutionality of Florida's hazing statute; among other things, he argued that the statute was unconstitutionally overbroad and vague. His challenges were rejected at both the trial court and the Fifth District Court of Appeal.

Wednesday, Feb. 21

LeShannon Shelly v. State, [SC16-1195](#)

Indian River County – starts about 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Shelly confessed to the fatal shooting of Shanice Smith and was convicted of first-degree murder; he was also convicted of the attempted murder of Brittany Jackson. He was sentenced to life in prison. He argues the confession should not have been admitted as evidence at trial because police violated his rights to an attorney and to remain silent. The state argues that Mr. Shelly knowingly waived those rights. The Fourth District Court of Appeal rejected his appeal and upheld his convictions. This appeal followed.

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