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Wednesday, Aug. 30

[Inquiry Concerning a Judge No. 14-488 Re: Kimberly Shepard, SC15-1746](#)

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

Circuit Judge Kimberly Shepard has been summoned before the Court to receive a public reprimand for ethical misconduct.

[Nicole Lopez v. Sean Hall, SC16-1921](#)

Duval County – starts about 9:10 a.m.

Ms. Lopez sought a court injunction against Mr. Hall, alleging he was harassing her. A temporary injunction was imposed and she later withdrew her petition for a permanent injunction. Mr. Hall filed a motion to receive attorney fees from Ms. Lopez and her attorney. The trial court ruled that attorney fees could not be recovered in cases involving Florida's "repeat, dating and sexual violence" statute. The First District Court of Appeal overturned that ruling but certified conflict with decisions in similar cases in the Third and Fourth District Courts of Appeal.

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[Dontae Morris v. State, SC15-2395](#)

Hillsborough County – starts about 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Morris was convicted of the first-degree murder of Derek Anderson, who was fatally shot in 2010. The jury voted 10-2 to recommend a death sentence and the trial court condemned Mr. Morris to death. This is his direct appeal.

CJ Labarga recused

[John Goodman v. Florida Department of Law Enforcement, SC16-1752](#)

Palm Beach County – starts about 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Goodman was charged with DUI manslaughter/failed to render aid and vehicular homicide/failed to give information or render aid after a fatal wreck in 2010. He was convicted and sentenced. At trial, he challenged FDLE's blood alcohol rules, arguing they were inadequate. The trial court denied his motion to exclude the test results from evidence and the rule challenge was considered by the Division of Administrative Hearings. DOAH upheld the rules and the Fourth District Court of Appeal upheld that ruling. But the 4th DCA also certified issues in the case to be of great public importance for this Court's review.

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