

Court Advisory

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Fourth Court of Appeals to Hear Oral Argument

The Fourth Court of Appeals will hear oral arguments in one appeal on Thursday, September 22, 2022, beginning at 9:00 a.m., before the following panel of justices: Justice Beth Watkins, Justice Liza A. Rodriguez, and Justice Lori I. Valenzuela.

The following appeal will be presented:

1776 Energy Partners, LLC and 1776 Energy Operators, LLC v. Marathon Oil EF, LLC and Marathon Oil EF II, LLC – This is an appeal and cross-appeal from a final judgment rendered after a partial summary judgment and a jury trial. The parties' dispute revolves around several joint operating agreements. Appellants/Cross-Appellees challenge the evidence supporting the partial summary judgment; the trial court's denial of a motion for leave to amend pleadings; the trial court's order excluding expert testimony on future damages; the wording of the court's charge to the jury; the final judgment's award of damages and attorney's fees to Appellees/Cross-Appellants; and the certainty of the final judgment. Appellees/Cross-Appellants challenge the final judgment's award of attorney's fees to Appellants/Cross-Appellees.

The oral argument will be held in the courtroom of the Fourth Court of Appeals, Cadena-Reeves Justice Center, Third Floor, 300 Dolorosa, San Antonio, Texas.

While it is anticipated that oral argument will occur in the courtroom, as the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, this is subject to change.

If circumstances permit, this courtroom proceeding will be streaming live and archived on the court's YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/USiaWJQ7eW5OQIALdyLN6s3A>