



SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA

Atlanta March 9, 2012

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.
The following order was passed:

It is hereby ordered that Rule 50 (Oral Argument) of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Georgia be amended to revise when oral argument is mandatory by adding that oral argument is required in granted interim review cases and in death penalty habeas corpus appeals.

The amended Rule 50, effective March 9, 2012, shall read as follows:

Rule 50. ORAL ARGUMENT. Oral argument will be scheduled by the Court as follows:

- (1) Direct appeals from judgments imposing the death penalty, every interim review which is granted pursuant to Rule 37, appeals following the grant of applications of certificates of probable cause to appeal in habeas corpus cases where a death sentence is under review, and appeals in habeas corpus cases where a death sentence has been vacated in the lower court will be placed on the calendar automatically, and oral argument in such cases is mandatory;
- (2) All granted writs of certiorari will be placed on the calendar automatically unless disposed of summarily by the Court, and oral argument in such cases is mandatory; and
- (3) Other cases will be placed on the calendar upon the request of either party within 20 days from the date the case is docketed in this Court. See Rule 51. No extensions for requesting oral argument will be granted. Oral argument by counsel in appeals other than where noted in (1) and (2) above is never mandatory, and argument may be submitted by briefs only. Argument will not be permitted to parties or attorneys whose briefs have not been timely filed. The Court may order, deny or limit oral argument where appropriate.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
Clerk's Office, Atlanta

I hereby certify that the above is a true extract from
the minutes of the Supreme Court of Georgia
Witness my signature and the seal of said court hereto
affixed the day and year last above written.

Therese A. Baume, Clerk