

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE MATTER OF APPELLATE ORAL ARGUMENT SESSION

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2004-600

ORDER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that oral arguments schedule for calendar year 2005 shall be as follows:

First Quarter

Date:

February 22 - March 4, 2005

Island:

Tinian and Saipan

Place:

Superior Court Courtroom in Tinian & Courtroom 114B in Saipan

Second Quarter

Date:

June 27 - July 8, 2005

Island:

Rota and Saipan

Place:

Supreme Court Courtroom in Sinapalo, Rota, and Courtroom 114B

Saipan

Third Quarter

Date:

September 6 - 16, 2005

Island:

Saipan

Place:

Supreme Court, Courtroom 114B

Fourth Quarter

Date:

November 7 - 18, 2005

Island:

Saipan

Place:

Supreme Court, Courtroom 114B

To ensure that cases are heard and disposed of at the earliest possible date, the Court will only grant motions to continue oral argument in cases where counsel's unavailability on the scheduled hearing date is due to illness, death in the family, or upon showing of good cause.¹

SO ORDERED this 33 rd

day of November 2004.

MIGUEL S. DEMAPAN, Chief Justice

ALEXANDRO C. CASTRO, Associate Justice

JOHN A. MANGLONA, Associate Justice

¹This Order does not supersede a panel's discretion to address a matter and issue a decision without oral argument as provided for under Rule 34(a) of the Commonwealth Rules of Appellate Procedure.