Oral Argument: Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Bailiff: Justice Eid's Chambers

9:00 a.m. EN BANC

2013SC996 (1 HOUR)

### Petitioner:

BP America Production Company,

٧.

### Respondents:

Colorado Department of Revenue and Barbara Brohl, in her official capacity as the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Revenue.

### For the Petitioner BP America Production Company:

Christina Finzel Gomez HOLLAND & HART LLP and Rachel Poe Robert Alan Poe THE POE LAW OFFICE LLC

# For the Respondents Colorado Department of Revenue, Barbara Brohl, in her official capacity as the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Revenue:

Robert H Dodd, Senior Assistant Attorney General Noah Clifton Patterson, Assistant Attorney General Office of the Attorney General

### For Amicus Curiae Colorado Oil & Gas Association

Shannon Wells Stevenson Benjamin Blake Strawn DAVIS GRAHAM & STUBBS LLP

### For Amicus Curiae Colorado Petroleum Association

Terry Ryan Miller Shannon Wells Stevenson DAVIS GRAHAM & STUBBS LLP

Certiorari to the Colorado Court of Appeals, 2012CA1897

Docketed: December 19, 2013

At Issue: April 10, 2015

### ISSUE(S):

Whether the court of appeals erred in holding that the phrase 'any transportation, manufacturing, and processing costs borne by the taxpayer' in the Colorado oil and gas severance tax statute, section 39-29-102(3)(a), C.R.S. (2013), excludes the cost of the capital that a taxpayer invests in transportation and processing facilities.

Oral Argument: Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Bailiff: Justice Eid's Chambers

10:00 a.m. EN BANC

2013SC499 (30 MINUTES)

Petitioner:

The People of the State of Colorado,

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Respondent:

Levent Ray Kutlak.

Certiorari to the Colorado Court of Appeals, 2009CA1627

Docketed: July 3, 2013 At Issue: April 10, 2015 For the Petitioner The People of the State of Colorado:

Jillian J. Price
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

For the Respondent Levent Ray Kutlak:

Adam Neil Mueller OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER

### ISSUE(S):

Whether the court of appeals erred by reversing the trial court's denial of defendant's motion to suppress statements where police officer responded to defendant's request for counsel by telling him that it might not be possible to get defendant's attorney to the station that day and defendant chose to talk to police without his attorney present.

Bailiff: Justice Eid's Chambers

10:30 a.m. EN BANC

2013SC497 (1 HOUR)

### **Petitioners:**

Oasis Legal Finance Group LLC; Oasis Legal Finance LLC; Oasis Legal Finance Operating Company LLC; and Plaintiff Funding Holding, Inc. d/b/a Lawcash;

V.

### Respondents:

Cynthia H. Coffman, in her capacity as Attorney General of the State of Colorado and Julie Ann Meade, in her capacity as the Administrator, Uniform Consumer Credit Code. For the Petitioners Oasis Legal Finance Group LLC, Oasis Legal Finance LLC, Oasis Legal Finance Operating Company LLC, and Funding Holding, Inc. d/b/a Lawcash:

Jason R Dunn BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK, LLP

For the Respondents Cynthia H. Coffman, in her capacity as Attorney General of the State of Coloradoand Julie Ann Meade, in her capacity as the Administrator, Uniform Consumer Credit Code: Frederick Richard Yarger
Paul Chessin
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Oral Argument: Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Bailiff: Justice Eid's Chambers

10:30 a.m. EN BANC

For Amici Curiae Chamber of Commerce of United States of America and Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce:

David R Fine MCKENNA LONG & ALDRIDGE, LLP

For Amici Curiae Charles M. Silver, Colorado Civil Justice League, Property Casualty Insurers Association of America and Colorado Defense Lawyers Association:

Jeffrey Clay Ruebel Casey A Quillen RUEBEL & QUILLEN, LLC

## For Amici Curiae Colorado Trial Lawyers Association:

Thomas Dean Neville Anna Natividad Martinez OGBORN MIHM, LLP

For Amici Curiae National Consumer Law Center in Support of Respondents, Center for Responsible Lending, Consumer Federation of America, Law Professors Michael B. Abramowicz, Myriam Gilles, Steven Gillers, Keith N. Hylton, Anthony J. Sebok, Victoria A. Shannon, Charles M. Silver, Spencer Weber Waller, and W. Bradley Wendel, and National Association of Consumer Advocates:

Richard B Wynkoop THE WYNKOOP LAW OFFICE, P.L.L.C. and James C. Sturdevant

The Sturdevant Law Firm, APC

Certiorari to the Colorado Court of Appeals, 2012CA1130

Docketed: July 2, 2013 At Issue: April 10, 2015

ISSUE(S):

[REFRAMED ISSUE] Whether the court of appeals erred when it held that the litigation financing transactions in this case are subject to the requirements of the Uniform Consumer Credit Code.

Bailiff: Justice Eid's Chambers

1:30 p.m. EN BANC

### 2014SC64 (1 HOUR)

### Petitioner:

Regional Transportation District, a political subdivision of the State of Colorado.

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### Respondent:

750 West 48th Ave, LLC.

## For the Petitioner Regional Transportation District, a political subdivision of the State of Colorado:

Andy Mark Frohardt
FROHARDT LAW FIRM, LLC
and
Robert R Duncan
LAW OFFICE OF ROBERT DUNCAN, LLC
and
Paul Charles Rufien
PAUL C RUFIEN, PC

### For the Respondent 750 West 48th Ave, LLC:

Jessica Diane Kosares Carrie Sue Bernstein Jody Harper Alderman ALDERMAN BERNSTEIN, LLC

Certiorari to the Colorado Court of Appeals, 2012CA2463

Docketed: January 17, 2014 At Issue: April 10, 2015

### ISSUE(S):

Whether the court of appeals erred in allowing an eminent domain valuation commission to reverse a trial court's in limine legal ruling and exclude evidence.

Whether the court of appeals erred in ruling that the judge, who did not preside at trial and thus did not hear the evidence, could issue an instruction excluding a specific item of evidence that the eminent domain valuation commission had ruled relevant and admissible.

Bailiff: Justice Eid's Chambers

2:30 p.m. EN BANC

### 2014SA303 (1 HOUR)

Concerning the Application of Busk-Ivanhoe, Inc. a Colorado Corporation In Adams, Arapahoe, Chaffee, Douglas, Jefferson, Lake, Pitkin, and Weld Counties, Colorado

### **Opposers-Appellants:**

Grand Valley Water Users Association; Orchard Mesa Irrigation District; Ute Water Conservancy District acting by and through the Ute Water Activity Enterprise; Colorado River Water Conservation District; Basalt Water Conservancy District; Board of County Commissioners of Eagle County; Board of County Commissioners of Pitkin County; Dick Wolfe, P.E., State Engineer; David L. Nettles, P.E., Division Engineer for Water Division 1; Alan Martellaro, P.E., Division Engineer for Water Division 5; and Steve Witte, P.E., Division Engineer for Water Division 2;

### Opposer-Appellee:

High Line Canal Company,

### **Opposer-Appellant/Opposer-Appellee:**

Board of Water Works of Pueblo Colorado,

### **Opposer-Appellee:**

Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy Districrt,

### Opposer:

Centennial Water and Sanitation District,

٧.

### **Applicant-Appellee:**

Busk-Ivanhoe, Inc., a Colorado corporation.

For the Opposers-Appellant Grand Valley Water Users Association, Orchard Mesa Irrigation District, Ute Water Conservancy District acting by and through the Ute Water Activity Enterprise:

Kirsten Marie Kurath Mark Allen Hermundstad WILLIAMS TURNER & HOLMES PC

For the Opposer-Appellants Colorado River Water Conservation District, Basalt Water Conservancy District, Board of County Commissioners of Eagle County:

Scott A Grosscup
David Carl Hallford
Christopher L Geiger
BALCOMB & GREEN PC

## For the Opposer-Appellant Board of County Commissioners of Pitkin County:

Anne D. Bensard
KUTAK ROCK LLP
and
Timothy James Beaton
Jennifer M. Dilalla
MOSES WITTEMYER HARRISON AND WOODRUFF

Oral Argument: Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Bailiff: Justice Eid's Chambers

2:30 p.m. EN BANC

For the Opposer-Appellants Dick Wolfe, P.E., State Engineer, David L. Nettles, P.E., Division Engineer for Water Division 1, Alan Martellaro, P.E., Division Engineer for Water Division 5 and Steve Witte, P.E., Division Engineer for Water Division 2:

Paul Louis Benington Katherine Abbott Daniels Ryan OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

## For the Opposer-Appellee High Line Canal Company:

Robert Frederick Krassa KRASSA & MILLER, LLC

## For the Opposer-Appellant/Opposer-Appellee Board of Water Works of Pueblo Colorado:

Mary Mead Hammond William Arthur Paddock Karl David Ohlsen CARLSON HAMMOND & PADDOCK, LLC and David W Robbins Andrew J. Rottman HILL & ROBBINS, P.C.

Oral Argument: Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Bailiff: Justice Eid's Chambers

2:30 p.m. EN BANC

## For the Opposer-Appellee Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy Districrt:

Stephen Hunter Leonhardt Sarah Margaret Shechter BURNS FIGA & WILL, PC

## For the Opposer Centennial Water and Sanitation District:

Veronica A Sperling BUCHANAN AND SPERLING, P.C

## For the Applicant-Appellee Busk-Ivanhoe, Inc., a Colorado corporation:

Austin C Hamre
John Marshall Dingess
Ryan P. McLane
HAMRE RODRIGUEZ OSTRANDER DINGESS P

## For Amici Curiae Cache La Poudre Water Users Association and City of Northglenn

William Ross Fischer Donald Everett Frick FISCHER, BROWN, BARTLETT & GUNN, P.

### For Amicus Curiae City Of Colorado Springs:

William Arthur Paddock
Mary Mead Hammond
CARLSON HAMMOND & PADDOCK, LLC
and
Michael John Gustafson
COLORADO SPRINGS CITY ATTORNEY'S OF
and
David W Robbins
Andrew J. Rottman
HILL & ROBBINS, P.C.

## For Amicus Curiae Grand County Board of County Commissioners

David C Taussig Mitra Marie Pemberton WHITE JANKOWSKI, LLP

## For Amicus Curiae Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District

Peter D Nichols
Leah K. Martinsson
BERG HILL GREENLEAF & RUSCITTI, LLP
and
Harry Barton Mendenhall
MENDENHALL & MALOUFF

Oral Argument: Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Bailiff: Justice Eid's Chambers

2:30 p.m. EN BANC

For Amici Curiae Municipal Subdistrict, Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, and the City of Greeley, acting by and through its Water and Sewer Board:

Bennett William Raley Douglas M Sinor Lisa M Thompson TROUT, RALEY, MONTANO, WITWER & FRE

## For Amicus Curiae The Consolidated Mutual Water Company:

Evan D Ela Joseph William Norris COLLINS CROCKREL & COLE PC

## For Amicus Curiae Twin Lakes Reservoir and Canal Company:

William Arthur Paddock
Mary Mead Hammond
CARLSON HAMMOND & PADDOCK, LLC
and
Michael John Gustafson
COLORADO SPRINGS CITY ATTORNEY'S OF
and
David W Robbins
Andrew J. Rottman
HILL & ROBBINS, P.C.

Appeal from the District Court, , 2009CW272 Docketed: October 1, 2014

At Issue: April 10, 2015

### ISSUE(S):

Whether the water court erred in ruling that transmountain water may be stored in the basin of import for later use without a decreed storage right.

Whether the water court erred in looking beyond the court record in the original adjudication to determine the original appropriators' intent and the scope of the original appropriation.

Whether the water court erred by including water conveyed to other entities as a "storage fee" in the amount of the changed water right.

Whether the water court erred as a matter of law in concluding that the representative study period used to quantify water rights for change purposes should exclude periods of undecreed use of those water rights.

Whether the water court erred as a matter of law in concluding that undecreed use of water rights cannot be considered in the quantification of those water rights for charge purposes to the extent that the result would be "punitive" or would "permanently punish [the] water user for undecreed use" by virtue of a significant reduction in the water rights' transferable yield.

Bailiff: Justice Márquez' Chambers

9:00 a.m. EN BANC

### 2013SC717 (1 HOUR)

### Petitioner/Cross-Respondent:

Colorado West Insurance Services Inc.,

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### Respondents/Cross-Petitioners:

Malaga, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company and Edson Hutchinson,

### and

### Respondents:

Charter Oak Fire Insurance Company, a corporation and American Guarantee and Liability Insurance Company, a corporation.

For the Petitioner/Cross-Respondent Colorado West Insurance Services Inc.:

Richard Kirk Mueller Damian J Arguello Daniel P. Spivey DAVIS GRAHAM & STUBBS LLP

For the Respondents/Cross-Petitioners Malaga, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company and Edson Hutchinson:

Kerri J Atencio Bradley Aaron Levin ROBERTS LEVIN ROSENBERG, PC

Certiorari to the Colorado Court of Appeals, 2011CA2356

Docketed: September 5, 2013

At Issue: April 10, 2015

### ISSUE(S):

[REFRAMED ISSUE 3] Whether, as a matter of law, the policyholder waived privilege by placing protected information related to Malaga's settlement negotiations with Old Vine and Mountain States 'at issue' by asserting a negligence claim against the insurer's agent.

[REFRAMED ISSUE 1] Whether the court of appeals erred when it determined that Malaga could not recover certain damages from Colorado West Insurance Services, Inc. without giving Malaga an opportunity to be heard.

SUPREME COURT, STATE OF COLORADO Oral Argument: Wednesday, June 3, 2015

Bailiff: Justice Márquez' Chambers

10:00 a.m. EN BANC

2014SA246 (30 MINUTES)

In the Matter of:

Derrick Duane Cornejo.

Appeal from the District Court, , 2013PD066 Docketed: August 12, 2014

At Issue: April 10, 2015

For the Appellant Derrick Duane Cornejo:

Antony Noble
THE NOBLE LAW FIRM

For the Appellee The People of the State of Colorado:

Alan C. Obye OFFICE OF ATTORNEY REGULATION COUNSEL

### ISSUE(S):

Whether the hearing board's sanction of eighteen months of suspension for a single violation of Colo. RPC 3.4(c), 5.5(a)(1), and 8.4(c), which caused no actual or potential harm to any clients, bears no relation to the conduct, is manifestly excessive in relation to the needs of the public, or is otherwise unreasonable.

Bailiff: Justice Márquez' Chambers

10:30 a.m. EN BANC

2014SC77 (1 HOUR)

### Petitioner/Cross-Respondent:

Pulte Home Corporation Inc., a Michigan corporation,

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### Respondent/Cross-Petitioner:

Countryside Community Association Inc., a Colorado nonprofit corporation.

## For the Petitioner/Cross-Respondent Pulte Home Corporation Inc., a Michigan corporation:

Christopher J Dawes Dominic Hamilton Rivers Risa Borowick Brown Christopher T. Groen FOX ROTHSCHILD, LLP

## For the Respondent/Cross-Petitioner Countryside Community Association Inc., a Colorado nonprofit corporation:

Milo D Miller
MILLER KABLER, PC
and
Jesse Howard Witt
THE WITT LAW FIRM

## For Amicus Curiae Community Associations Institute:

Jerry Crawford Orten Christopher M. Drake ORTEN CAVANAGH & HOLMES, LLC

## For Amicus Curiae Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Denver:

Christian D Hammond Randall John Feuerstein Christian D Hammond DUFFORD & BROWN PC

Certiorari to the Colorado Court of Appeals, 2012CA1568

Docketed: January 23, 2014 At Issue: April 10, 2015

ISSUE(S):

Whether the court of appeals erred by affirming a grant of summary judgment on the association's equitable claim for unjust enrichment to the extent the community's declaration does not provide a remedy at law.

Whether the majority of the court of appeals erred by concluding that a common interest community is formed immediately upon a developer's recording of a declaration and plat, rendering the developer immediately liable for assessments, notwithstanding that (a) the declaration provides for the gradual annexation process that has long been practiced across Colorado, and (b) the developer clearly intended such gradual annexation

Oral Argument: Wednesday, June 3, 2015

Bailiff: Justice Márquez' Chambers

1:30 p.m. **EN BANC** 

### 2014SC1 (1 HOUR)

### Petitioners:

Romana Martinez and Stevens Law Offices,

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### Respondents:

Mintz Law Firm, LLC, and Eric Krajewski, Esq.

### For the Petitioners Romana Martinez, and Stevens Law Offices:

Jacob Carlos Eisenstein FISHER & ASSOCIATES P.C.

### For the Respondents Mintz Law Firm, LLC, and Eric Krajewski, Esq:

Robin Easterly Scully MINTZ LAW FIRM, LLC

### For Amicus Curiae Colorado Trial Lawyers Association:

Anna Natividad Martinez OGBORN MIHM, LLP

Certiorari to the Colorado Court of Appeals, 2012CA1878

Docketed: January 2, 2014 At Issue: April 10, 2015

### ISSUE(S):

[REFRAMED] Whether a client is personally liable to a discharged attorney for the reasonable value of services rendered under a contingency fee agreement when a successor attorney received the full contingency fee.

Whether the court of appeals erred by reversing the trial court's denial of respondent's motion to compel arbitration and its award of attorney's fees and costs to petitioner.

Whether the court of appeals erred by failing to address the appellees' arguments that the arbitration clause was inapplicable because the contingent fee agreement was unenforceable and void for failure to comply with C.R.C.P. 23.3. Bailiff: Justice Márquez' Chambers

2:30 p.m. EN BANC

2015SA22 (1 HOUR)

In Re:

### Plaintiffs:

Lindi Dwyer and Paul Dwyer, as individuals and parents of Jayda Dwyer, Joslyn Dwyer, Janesha Dwyer and Jentri Dwyer; Terri Siewiyumptewa, as an individual and as parent and natural guardian of Shane Siewiyumptewa and Kristen Johnson; Tracey Weeks and Monty Weeks, as individuals and as parents of Jared Weeks and Jordyn Weeks; Terri Piland and Jeffrey Piland, as individuals and as parents of Joseph Piland and George Piland; Colorado Rural Schools Caucus a/k/a Rural Alliance; East Central Board of Cooperative Educational Services; Colorado PTA; Boulder Valley School District; Colorado Springs School District No. 11; Mancos School District; Holyoke School District; and Plateau Valley School District 50;

٧.

### Defendants:

The State of Colorado; Robert Hammond, in his official capacity as Commissioner of Education of the State of Colorado; and John Hickenlooper, in his official capacity as Governor of the State of Colorado.

For the Plaintiffs Lindi Dwyer and Paul Dwyer, as individuals and parents of Jayda Dwyer, Joslyn Dwyer, Janesha Dwyer and Jentri Dwyer, Terri Siewiyumptewa, as an individual and as parent and natural guardian of Shane Siewiyumptewa and Kristen Johnson, Tracey Weeks and Monty Weeks, as individuals and as parents of Jared Weeks and Jordyn Weeks, Terri Piland and Jeffrey Piland, as individuals and as parents of Joseph Piland and George Piland, Colorado Rural Schools Caucus a/k/a Rural Alliance, East Central **Board of Cooperative Educational Services,** Colorado PTA, Boulder Valley School District, Colorado Springs School District No. 11, Mancos School District, Holyoke School District, and Plateau Valley School District 50: Timothy R Macdonald

Nathaniel Joseph Hake ARNOLD & PORTER LLP and Zhonette M. Brown BRYAN CAVE LLP and Kathleen Joan Gebhardt KATHLEEN GEBHARDT LLC and Sean Connelly REILLY POZNER, LLP

For the Defendants The State of Colorado, Robert Hammond, in his official capacity as Commissioner of Education of the State of Colorado, and John Hickenlooper, in his official capacity as Governor of the State of Colorado:

Davin William Dahl
Kathryn Anne Teresa Starnella
Frederick Richard Yarger
Michelle M Merz-Hutchinson
Jonathan Patrick Fero
Antony B Dyl
William V Allen
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Oral Argument: Wednesday, June 3, 2015

Bailiff: Justice Márquez' Chambers

2:30 p.m. EN BANC

For Amici Curiae CASB, Colorado Association of School Executives, and Colorado BOCES Association:

Kathleen Anne Sullivan

COLORADO ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS

For Amici Curiae Colorado Association of Mechanical and Plumbing Contractors, Colorado Competitive Council, Colorado Mining Association, Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, National Federation of Independent Business and Colorado Concern:

Jason R Dunn BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK, LLP

For Amicus Curiae Colorado Hispanic Bar Association:

Daniel P. Spivey
DAVIS GRAHAM & STUBBS LLP

For Amici Curiae Colorado Latino Forums Denver Metro Chapter, Education Foundation of Eagle County, Grassroots St. Vrain, and Great Education Colorado:

David W Stark
Jennifer T. Kimball Harrison
FAEGRE BAKER DANIELS LLP

## For Amicus CuriaeD epartment of Business Officials CASE:

Terry Ryan Miller Kenzo Sunao Kawanabe Anna-Liisa Mullis Emily Lauren Wasserman DAVIS GRAHAM & STUBBS LLP

### For Amicus Curiae Colorado Education Association

Kris A. Gomez
COLORADO EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
and
Kristen Hollar
Alice O'Brien
Eric Harrington
National Education Association

### For Amicus Curiae Colorado Fiscal Institute

Edward T Ramey
TIERNEY PAUL LAWRENCE LLP

Original Proceeding, District Court, Denver District Court, 2014CV32543

Docketed: January 22, 2015 At Issue: April 22, 2015

### ISSUE(S):

Whether the trial court erred in denying the Defendant's Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' Complaint under C.R.C.P. 12(b)(5) for failure to state a claim for relief.

Oral Argument: Thursday, June 4, 2015 Bailiff: Justice Boatright's Chambers 9:00 a.m. EN BANC

2014SC99 (1 HOUR)

### Petitioner:

American Family Mutual Insurance Company,

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### Respondent:

Jennifer Hansen.

## For the Petitioner American Family Mutual Insurance Company:

Colin C Campbell
Michael Opie Frazier
CAMPBELL LATIOLAIS & AVERBACH, LLC

### For the Respondent Jennifer Hansen:

John Ward Trueax
KIEL & TRUEAX, LLC.
and
Samuel G Livingston
LAW OFFICES OF SAMUEL G LIVINGSTON
and
Michael Zwiebel
SPRINGER AND STEINBERG, P.C.

## For Amicus Curiae American Insurance Association Kevin Frank Amatuzio

MONTGOMERY AMATUZIO DUSBABEK CHASE,

## For Amici Curiae Colorado Association of Home Builders, Colorado BUILDS, and Home Builders Association of Metro Denver:

George Robert Lyons Scott Warren Wilkinson DAVIS & CERIANI PC

### For Amici Curiae Colorado Civil Justice League, National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies, and Property Casualty Insurers Association of America:

Kevin Frank Amatuzio MONTGOMERY AMATUZIO DUSBABEK CHASE,

## For Amicus Curiae Colorado Defense Lawyers Association

John Roger Mann GORDON & REES LLP and Jacquelyn Sue Booker Katherine Johnson SUTTON BOOKER, P.C.

## For Amicus Curiae Colorado Trial Lawyers Association

Michael Justin Rosenberg Bradley Aaron Levin ROBERTS LEVIN ROSENBERG, PC SUPREME COURT, STATE OF COLORADO Oral Argument: Thursday, June 4, 2015 Bailiff: Justice Boatright's Chambers

9:00 a.m. EN BANC

For Amicus Curiae Pinnacol Assurance

David Robert Demuro Jennifer C Madsen VAUGHAN & DEMURO

Certiorari to the Colorado Court of Appeals, 2011CA1430

Docketed: January 30, 2014 At Issue: April 10, 2015

### ISSUE(S):

[REFRAMED] Whether the court of appeals erred in perceiving a factual issue with regard to the reasonableness of the insurer's initial denial of the insured's claim, despite its assumption that the insurer's coverage position was 'fairly debatable.'

[REFRAMED] Whether the court of appeals impermissibly relied upon extrinsic evidence to conclude that the respondent's insurance policy was ambiguous.

[REFRAMED] Whether the respondent may recover under section 10-3-1116, C.R.S. (2014), despite the jury's determination that the amount of the claim for which payment was unreasonably delayed or denied was '0.'

[REFRAMED] Whether section 10-3-1116, C.R.S. (2014), authorizes an insured whose claim has been unreasonably delayed or denied to bring an action to recover two times the covered benefit in addition to the covered benefit itself.

Oral Argument: Thursday, June 4, 2015 Bailiff: Justice Boatright's Chambers 10:00 a.m. EN BANC

2013SC815 (1 HOUR)

### Petitioner:

Travelers Property Casualty Company of America,

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### Respondent:

Stresscon Corporation.

## For the Petitioner Travelers Property Casualty Company of America:

Malcolm E Wheeler
Terence M Ridley
B. Stephenson
WHEELER TRIGG O'DONNELL, LLP

### For the Respondent Stresscon Corporation:

Sean Connelly REILLY POZNER, LLP and Brooke Yates Bret R. Gunnell Katherine Dawson Varholak SHERMAN & HOWARD LLC

### For Amicus Curiae American Insurance Association:

Alan Epstein HALL & EVANS LLC

## For Amicus Curiae Property Casualty Insurers Association of America:

Alan Epstein
HALL & EVANS LLC
and
Jon F Sands
SWEETBAUM SANDS ANDERSON PC

## For Amicus Curiae Stresscon Corporation and The Colorado Trial Lawyers Association

Bradley Aaron Levin Michael Justin Rosenberg Bradley Aaron Levin ROBERTS LEVIN ROSENBERG, PC

Certiorari to the Colorado Court of Appeals, 2011CA1239

Docketed: October 10, 2013 At Issue: April 10, 2015

ISSUE(S):

[REFRAMED] Whether a liability insurer may be prejudiced as a matter of law by the insured's violation of a 'no voluntary payments' clause.

[REFRAMED] Whether the court of appeals' rule, which allows a plaintiff who has violated a 'no voluntary payments' clause in an insurance policy to recover benefits by showing a lack of prejudice to the insurer, directly conflicts with Kesinger v. Commercial Standard Insurance Co., 101 Colo. 109, 70 P.2d 776 (1937), in which this court enforced a similar clause without regard to prejudice to the insurer.

Oral Argument: Thursday, June 4, 2015 Bailiff: Justice Boatright's Chambers 1:30 p.m. EN BANC

2014SC1045 (1 HOUR)

In the Interest of Minor Children: Baby A and Baby B

Petitioners:

T. W. and A. W.,

and

Petitioner:

Adoption Choices of Colorado, Inc.,

٧.

Respondent:

M. C..

### For the Petitioners T. W. and A.W.:

Rajesh Kukreja SHERMAN & HOWARD L.L.C.

### For the Petitioner Adoption Choices of Colorado, Inc.:

Catherine Andrea Madsen CATHERINE A. MADSEN, P.C.

### For the Respondent M. C.:

S. Scott Lasher LASHER LEGAL RESOLUTION, PC and Kelly Lynn Snodgrass SNODGRASS LAW, LLC

## For Amicus Curiae Colorado Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Bar Association:

Rachel A. Catt
JOHNSON MARQUEZ LEGAL GROUP
and
John M. McHugh
REILLY POZNER LLP

## For Amicus Curiae Colorado Office of the Child's Representative:

Dorothy Marie Macias Amanda George Donnelly OFFICE OF THE CHILD'S REPRESENTATIVE

## For Amicus Curiae Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center:

Elizabeth Fordyce Jeffrey C. Koy ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER

Certiorari to the Colorado Court of Appeals, 2013CA2280

Docketed: December 31, 2014

At Issue: May 19, 2015

### ISSUE(S):

[REFRAMED] Whether the court of appeals erred in its application of a special presumption in favor of the birth father to Colorado's statutory procedure and criteria for termination of parental rights set forth in C.R.S. Section19-5-105.

[REFRAMED] Whether the court of appeals erred in holding that adoptive parents had no cognizable rights or interests in this action.

Whether the court of appeals erred in holding that the trial court abused its discretion in only considering biological father's one payment of child support during a three-month period in determining whether he has taken "substantial responsibility" for the children.

Whether the court of appeals erred in failing to consider the needs and interests of the children in its analysis and interpretation of C.R.S. Section 19-5-105.