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Re: The State v. Richard Passio, Jr.  
Lower Court Case No. 2016GS2700300  
Appellate Case No. 2018-001488

Dear Counsel:

This appeal will be argued on at June 17, 2021, at 10:40 AM in Courtroom I. The following oral argument times have been allocated:

Appellant:	15 minutes
Respondent:	15 minutes
Appellant in reply:	5 minutes

Acknowledgment received.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Arguments frequently begin before the time set. Please ARRIVE 15 MINUTES prior to your scheduled argument time.**

In recognition of the threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, we ask counsel to be mindful of the following policies and precautions:

1. Only the lawyers arguing the case will be permitted to attend oral argument. All other persons may view the oral argument via the virtual courtroom, which is accessible at <https://scjudicial.webex.com/scjudicial/onstage/g.php?MTID=eb51ad7011021ff736d1c8051d8718920>.
2. Face coverings are required at all times while in the Courthouse Building. You may remove your mask only when at the podium making arguments before the Court.
3. Social distancing, defined as keeping a distance of at least 6 feet from others, must be maintained at all times while in the Courthouse Building.
4. Counsel will be asked to sit in assigned spots. You must stay in your seat until you are called to argue. We understand the need to exchange pleasantries, but ask that you keep your seat and remain masked when speaking with others.
5. Hand sanitizer is available in the courtroom, and we ask that counsel use it liberally as you enter or leave the courtroom and/or restrooms.
6. If you arrive before the argument before yours has ended, please wait in Courtroom II until your case is called, while maintaining social distance. Upon conclusion of your argument, please exit the Courthouse Building as expeditiously as possible. Do not gather to talk until you have left the building.

The Court requests a signed acknowledgement verifying receipt of notification of the date and time set for oral argument. You must sign and date the acknowledgement below, then return to the following address:

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We are looking forward to resuming normalcy, including in-person oral arguments, as the pandemic draws to a close. We regret the continued restrictions and hope you understand our goal is to keep everyone safe while efficiently deciding your case.

Very truly yours,



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