



**SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
ORAL ARGUMENT CALENDAR  
LOS ANGELES SESSION  
DECEMBER 4, 2024**

In accordance with [Administrative Order 2023-05-11](#), the Supreme Court has resumed in-person oral argument sessions. Counsel have the option to appear in person at these sessions, or remotely via video. The public may attend in person and will also continue to have access to argument via live-streaming on the judicial branch website: <https://supreme.courts.ca.gov/>.

The following cases are placed upon the calendar of the Supreme Court for hearing at its courtroom in the Ronald Reagan State Office Building, 300 South Spring Street, Third Floor, North Tower, Los Angeles, California, on December 4, 2024.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024 — 9:00 A.M.**

- (1) Ranger (Brian) v. Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, S282264
- (2) California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation v. Workers' Compensation Appeals Board (Michael Ayala, Respondent), S282013
- (3) People v. Patton (Ramon), S279670

**1:30 P.M.**

- (4) People v. McGhee (Timothy J.), [Automatic Appeal], S169750

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*Chief Justice*

If exhibits are to be transmitted to this court, counsel must apply to the court for permission. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.224(c).)

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*The following case summaries are issued to inform the public about cases that the California Supreme Court has scheduled for oral argument and of their general subject matter. The descriptions set out below are, in most instances, reproduced from the original news release issued when review in each of these matters was granted and are provided for the convenience of the public. The descriptions do not necessarily reflect the view of the court or define the specific issues that will be addressed by the court.*

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**(1) *Ranger (Brian) v. Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, S282264***

#23-260 *Ranger (Brian) v. Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, S282264.* (B315302; 95 Cal.App.5th 240; Los Angeles County Superior Court; 19STCV22806.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed the judgment in a civil action. This case presents the following issue: May a maritime worker described by 33 United States Code section 902(3)(A)–(F) within the Longshore and Harbor Workers’ Compensation Act (33 U.S.C. § 901 et seq.) bring an action to recover for a workplace injury under the general maritime law or does California’s workers’ compensation scheme provide the worker’s exclusive remedy?

**(2) *California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation v. Workers’ Compensation Appeals Board (Michael Ayala, Respondent), S282013***

#23-246 *California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation v. Workers’ Compensation Appeals Board (Michael Ayala, Respondent), S282013.* (E079076; 94 Cal.App.5th 464; Workers’ Compensation Appeals Board; ADJ1360597.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal annulled and remanded the decision in a Workers’ Compensation Appeals Board proceeding. This case presents the following issue: Should the calculation of enhanced workers’ compensation benefits for an employer’s serious and willful misconduct under Labor Code section 4553 be based on temporary disability payments available under the Labor Code?

(3) ***People v. Patton (Ramon), S279670***

#23-129 *People v. Patton (Ramon), S279670*. (B320352; 89 Cal.App.5th 649; Los Angeles County Superior Court; TA144611.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed an order denying a post-judgment motion in a criminal matter. This case presents the following issue: Did the trial court engage in impermissible judicial factfinding by relying on the preliminary hearing transcript to deny defendant's Penal Code section 1172.6 petition at the prima facie stage? (See *People v. Lewis* (2021) 11 Cal.5th 952.)

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This matter is an automatic appeal from a judgment of death.