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**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA**

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THE PEOPLE, Plaintiff and Respondent,

v.

ANTHONY GEORGE BANKSTON, Defendant and Appellant.

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The court, having received the Office of the State Public Defender's letter of February 18, 2026, concerning oral argument in *People v. Bankston* (S044739), *People v. Barrera* (S103358), *People v. Chhuon and Pan* (S105403) and *People v. Demolle* (S159120), hereby orders that oral argument in these matters, commencing at 9:00 a.m. on March 5, 2026, be combined and proceed as follows:

Counsel for appellants Bankston and Demolle will be allocated 40 minutes, minus any time reserved for rebuttal.

Counsel for appellant Barrera will then be allocated 40 minutes, minus any time reserved for rebuttal.

Counsel shall focus the above arguments as described in the February 18, 2026, letter, and should also be prepared to address: (1) Upon a finding of a violation of Penal Code section 745, subdivision (a)(1) or (2), is the defendant ineligible for the death penalty under Penal Code section 745, subdivision (l) regardless of whether the violation was prejudicial? (2) Upon a finding of a violation of Penal Code section 745, subdivision (a)(1) or (2), does Penal Code section 745, subdivision (l) categorically render the defendant ineligible for the death penalty in any subsequent retrial?

Counsel for appellant Barrera will then be allocated 10 minutes, minus any time reserved for rebuttal, to address case-specific matters.

Counsel for appellant Bankston will then be allocated 10 minutes, minus any time reserved for rebuttal, to address case-specific matters.

Counsel for appellant Demolle will then be allocated 10 minutes, minus any time reserved for rebuttal, to address case-specific matters.

Counsel for appellant Chhuon will then be allocated 10 minutes, minus any time reserved for rebuttal, to address case-specific matters.

Counsel for appellant Pan will then be allocated 30 minutes, minus any time reserved for rebuttal, to address case-specific matters.

The Attorney General will then be allocated 150 minutes.

Any rebuttal will then be presented in the following order: counsel for appellants Bankston and Demolle, counsel for appellant Barrera, counsel for appellant Chhuon, and counsel for appellant Pan. Each counsel will only have one opportunity for rebuttal covering all topics, regardless of whether counsel initially presented arguments on multiple topics.

**GUERRERO**

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*Chief Justice*