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**IN THE SUPREME COURT
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

**IN RE THE MATTER OF
APPELLATE ORAL ARGUMENT SESSION**

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2003-600

ORDER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that oral arguments schedule for calendar year 2004 shall be as follows:

First Quarter

Date : February 2 - 6, 2004
Island : Tinian
Place : Superior Court Courtroom

Date : February 9 - 13, 2004
Island : Rota
Place : Superior Court Courtroom

Second Quarter

Date : May 10 - 21, 2004
Island : Saipan
Place : Supreme Court, Courtroom 114B

Third Quarter

Date : August 16 - 20, 2004
Island : Tinian
Place : Superior Court Courtroom


Date : August 23 - 27, 2004
Island : Rota
Place : Superior Court Courtroom

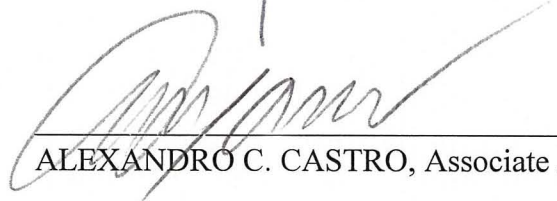
Fourth Quarter


Date : November 8 - 19, 2004
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 14 day of October, 2003.


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.