



Chief Judge Ed Carnes
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
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Dear Chief Judge Carnes:

We, the undersigned, are the president of the Georgia First Amendment Foundation and the executive director of Fix the Court, and the Interim President of the Atlanta Press Club, respectively.

We write today to urge the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit to livestream the audio of 16-10868, *Lyndon Fitzgerald Pace v. Warden, GDCP* and 14-14054, *Ray Lamar Johnston v. Secretary, Florida Dept of Corrections, et al.*, to be argued on November 7 and November 12.

We are greatly appreciative of the Eleventh Circuit's same-day audio policy but believe that the public's significant interest in the issues of capital punishment presented in these cases, as well as the importance of transparency and public access, merit live audio here. We hope the Eleventh Circuit joins other Circuits in providing live-audio access for cases of national import.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

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