

# Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia

ATLANTA, May 29, 2003

*The Court of Appeals hereby passes the following order:*

**A03A1560, A03A1561. STEWART et al. v. FAVORS et al.; and vice versa.**

Appellees have moved this court to expedite oral argument in this case, now scheduled for argument on July 22, 2003, because of the precarious health of one of the plaintiffs and a conflict in the schedule of one of the attorneys who will argue for the appellees. This court has considered the motion, argument in support of the motion, and various internal scheduling matters. The court also has received an application for leave of absence from Michael C. Daniel, who identifies himself as "lead counsel" in this case and others and who requests leave for family vacation and military service for the period of June 11, 2003, through June 20, 2003. The court further recognizes that other counsel in this case, as well as counsel in the other seven cases now scheduled for argument on July 22, 2003, have made scheduling plans based upon arguments being conducted on that date. Taking all these matters into consideration, along with the schedules of the judges involved, the court is unable to schedule this case for oral argument on a specially set date.

To accommodate the parties, however, the court offers the following options:

The court is prepared to add these appeals to its calendar for the regularly scheduled June oral argument date of June 2, 2003.

Alternatively, the court is prepared to consider expediting disposition of this appeal on briefs alone and without hearing oral argument.

It is therefore ORDERED that the parties inform this court immediately which, if either, of the above offered options they wish this court to pursue. If this court receives no response from the parties or if the parties cannot agree, it is ORDERED that oral argument in this appeal remain scheduled for July 22, 2003.

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*Clerk's Office, Atlanta*    MAY 29 2003

*I certify that the above is a true extract from  
the minutes of the Court of Appeals of Georgia.*

*Witness my signature and the seal of said court  
hereto affixed the day and year last above written.*

*Will. T. Martin*  Clerk