



## Supreme Court of California Oral Argument Webcast June 2, 2021

**From:** Ronald M. George State Office Complex, Earl Warren Building, 350 McAllister Street, Fourth Floor, San Francisco.

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 [two cases] *Special Program: In Memoriam – Hon. Cruz Reynoso* — times are approximate

*Until further notice the court will be conducting oral argument from the San Francisco Supreme Court Headquarters building with counsel appearing through teleconferencing, videoconferencing, or similar methods of remote participation with attendance limited to the media under social distancing and density controls. See Standing Orders [2020-03-13](#), [2020-03-27](#), and [2020-08-19](#).*

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Oral Argument Cases – Morning Session [From 9:00 a.m.]			
<b>Case #6</b>	<b><i>McHugh (Blakely) et al. v. Protective Life Insurance</i>, <a href="#">S259215</a></b>		
<b>Issue(s)</b>	Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed the judgment in a civil action. This case presents the following issues: (1) Do the provisions of Insurance Code sections 10113.71 and 10113.72 apply, in whole or in part, to life insurance policies in force as of January 1, 2013, regardless of the original date of issuance of those policies? (2) Did the lower courts in this case properly rely upon private opinions of Department of Insurance staff counsel? (See Ins. Code, § 12921.9; Gov. Code, § 11340.5; <i>Heckart v. A-1 Self Storage, Inc.</i> (2018) 4 Cal.5th 749.)		
<b>Counsel</b>	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"><b><i>For Appellants:</i></b> Jon R. Williams San Diego</td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"><b><i>For Respondent:</i></b> John Neiman Birmingham, AL</td> </tr> </table>	<b><i>For Appellants:</i></b> Jon R. Williams San Diego	<b><i>For Respondent:</i></b> John Neiman Birmingham, AL
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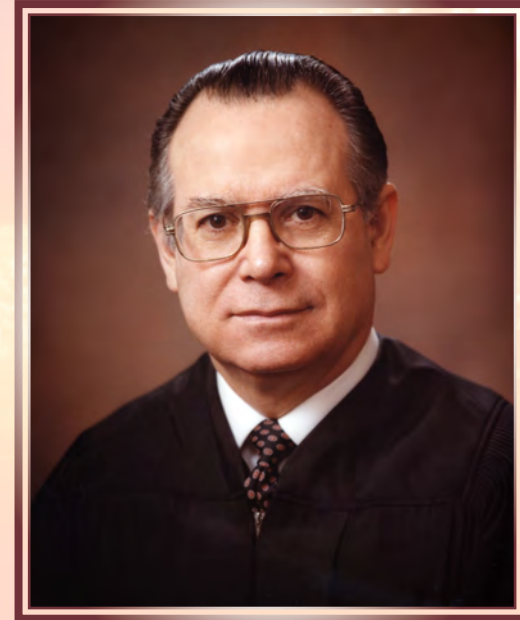
<b>Case #7</b>	<i>People v. McDaniel (Don'te Lamont), <a href="#"><u>S171393</u></a></i>	
<b>Issue(s)</b>	<i>This matter is an automatic appeal from a judgment of death.</i>	
<b>Counsel</b>	<p><b><i>For Appellant:</i></b> Elias Batchelder Oakland</p> <p><b><i>For Amicus Curiae California Constitutional Law Scholars:</i></b> John Mills Oakland</p>	<p><b><i>For Respondent:</i></b> Dana Muhammad Ali Office of the Attorney General, Los Angeles</p>
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***End of June 2, 2021 Oral Argument Session—to follow - Special Program: In Memoriam – Hon. Cruz Reynoso***

*In Memoriam*

Associate Justice Cruz Reynoso

May 2, 1931–May 7, 2021



**California Supreme Court**

*February 11, 1982–January 4, 1987*

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**June 2, 2021, at 11:15 a.m.**

## Associate Justice Cruz Reynoso (Ret.)

Born May 2, 1931, in Brea, California, Cruz Reynoso graduated from Pomona College (B.A., 1953) and UC Berkeley's Boalt Hall (LL.B., 1958); he served in the U.S. Army from 1953–55 in the Counter Intelligence Corps prior to law school. Reynoso was admitted to the State Bar of California in May 1959 and began his legal career as a Legislative Assistant in the California State Senate (1959–60).

He served as Assistant Chief, Fair Employment Practices Commission (1965–66); Staff Secretary, Governor's Office (1966); Associate General Counsel, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (1967–68); Director, California Rural Legal Assistance (1968–72); and Professor of Law, University of New Mexico (1972–76), prior to his appointment to the Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, in June 1976.

Justice Reynoso was elevated to the Supreme Court of California on February 11, 1982, where he served as Associate Justice until the expiration of his term on January 4, 1987. After leaving the Court, Justice Reynoso returned to academia, teaching at the UCLA School of Law and then at the UC Davis School of Law, from which he retired in 2006.

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