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The Louisiana Supreme Court will return to its French Quarter home at 400 Royal Street, New Orleans as soon as the Louisiana Office of State Buildings has completed necessary cleanup and has given the necessary clearance, announced Chief Justice Pascal F. Calogero, Jr. The Chief Justice stated that, thanks to the efforts of Governor Kathleen Blanco and the Office of State Buildings, he expects the Court to be operating in New Orleans in December, and noted that a number of Court employees, who had evacuated from New Orleans, will resume work in the building early in November.

Further, and of direct relevance to the Court's docket, Chief Justice Calogero announced that oral arguments have been scheduled for the week of November 28, 2005, to be held at the Supreme Court's temporary quarters at the First Circuit Court of Appeal, 1600 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. A copy of the Court's docket is available at the Supreme Court's website, www.lasc.org.

Chief Justice Pascal F. Calogero, Jr. also announced today that the Louisiana Supreme Court's existing closure order was extended through Friday, November 25, 2005. According to the Court's order, "For purposes of computing the timeliness of filings, the period of the Court's closure from August 29, 2005 through November 25, 2005 will be considered a legal holiday, and thus pleadings otherwise due in this Court during this legal holiday will be due on Monday, November 28, 2005."

However, in an accommodation to litigants and attorneys, during this period of closure the Supreme Court will continue to accept filings. Beginning Wednesday, November 2, 2005 and until further order of this Court, filings will be accepted at the temporary location of the Louisiana Supreme Court Clerk of Court's office at 1600 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802, or by mail to Louisiana Supreme Court, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130. The Clerk's office will continue to operate at its temporary location Mondays through Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. until further notice.

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