

INTRO.

“May it please the Court. My name is Lauren Simpson, and along with Jane Doe, I represent Mr. Scott Smith, the appellant in this case.”

THEME/HOOK.

“This is a case about the fundamental principle that those who enforce the law are themselves subject to it.”

GLOBAL ISSUES (high-level roadmap of global issues; only the first speaker gives global roadmap).

“This Court should reverse the judgment and remand the case because the trial court failed to observe that fundamental principle when it denied Mr. Smith’s motion to suppress. More specifically, the trial court erroneously denied that motion for two reasons. First, the officers lacked reasonable suspicion to stop Mr. Smith’s car, rendering the both the stop and later confiscation of contraband from the car illegal. And second, the arresting officer coerced Mr. Smith into giving his confession, in violation of well-settled Texas law.”

DIVIDING OF GLOBAL ISSUES (first speaker only).

“I will show why the trial court erred in refusing to suppress the physical evidence obtained after the illegal stop, and Ms. Doe will show why the trial court erred in failing to suppress Mr. Smith’s coerced confession.”

ROADMAP (roadmap for first speaker’s specific issue; the second speaker will give a roadmap of his or her own issue when (s)he later takes the podium).

“This Court should reverse the judgment and remand the case because the trial court erred in refusing to suppress the evidence obtained after Mr. Smith’s illegal traffic stop. This is for two reasons. First, the anonymous tip leading to the stop lacked any basis for reliability, in violation of the Constitution’s Fourth Amendment. Second, independent of the unreliable tip, the officer lacked reasonable suspicion to stop the car. For both of these reasons, the stop was illegal, rendering anything obtained from that stop inadmissible.”