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Parties Seek Twenty Minutes Of Oral Argument In The Consolidated Appeal From The FCC's July 2015 Declaratory Ruling and Order

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Yesterday, the petitioners in the consolidated appeal from the FCC's July 10, 2015 Declaratory Ruling and Order filed an unopposed motion seeking twenty minutes of oral argument for each side. As we previously reported, the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit scheduled oral argument for October 19, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. in the consolidated appeal.

In requesting twenty minutes of oral argument time, the petitioners note the importance and the complexity of the issues raised in their petitions for review. Namely, "the kinds of equipment that fall within the [TCPA's] restrictions on calls to wireless numbers from 'automatic telephone dialing systems," "the scope of liability for those who call numbers that (unbeknownst to them) have been reassigned from one, consenting consumer to another, non-consenting one," "the methods by which consumers may revoke consent[,]" and the types of "informational healthcare-related" calls that fall outside of the TCPA's scope. As such, the petitioners request that each side be allotted twenty minutes of oral argument time with petitioner Rite Aid arguing five minutes on the healthcare-related issues of the Order and the rest of the petitioners arguing fifteen minutes.

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