

# United States Court of Appeals

FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

No. 03-5063

September Term, 2002

96cv01285

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Elouise Pepion Cobell, et al.,  
Appellees

v.

Gale A. Norton, as the Secretary of the Interior, et al.,  
Appellants

Joseph S. Kieffer, III, Monitor and Alan Lee Balaran,  
Appellees

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Consolidated with 03-5084, 03-5097

## ORDER

These cases have been scheduled for oral argument on Monday, January 12, 2004 at 9:30 AM before Circuit Judges Edwards, Sentelle and Tatel.

The time and date of oral argument will not change absent further order of the Court.

It is **ORDERED**, on the court's own motion, that a briefing schedule be established as follows:

Appellants' Brief(s)	Tue, Sep 9 2003
Appellees' Brief	Thu, Oct 9 2003
Appellants' Reply Brief(s)	Thu, Oct 23 2003
Deferred Appendix	Thu, Oct 30 2003
Final Briefs	Thu, Nov 13 2003
Oral Argument	Mon, Jan 12 2004

Because the briefing schedule is keyed to the date of argument, the Court will grant requests for extension of time limits for briefs or transcripts only for extraordinarily compelling reasons.

Parties are strongly encouraged to hand deliver their briefs to the clerk's office on

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the date due. Filing by mail may delay the processing of the brief. Additionally, counsel are reminded that if filing by mail, they must utilize the most expeditious form of delivery. See Fed.R.App.Proc. 25(a). Briefs should be in final form. All briefs and appendices must contain the date that the case is scheduled for oral argument at the top of the cover. See D.C. Cir. Rule 28(a)(7).

A further order of the Court will be issued regarding the allocation of time for argument.

Appellants must raise issues and arguments in the opening brief. The Court ordinarily will not consider issues and arguments raised for the first time in the reply brief.

**FOR THE COURT:**

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