

Court of Appeals, Division One

Civil - Probate Case

1 CA-CV 25-0272 PB

NICHOLS v. SLAVICEK, et al.

Appellate Case Information

Case Filed: 9-Apr-2025
Case Closed:

Dept/Composition

Department E
Hon. Michael J Brown
Hon. Veronika Fabian
Hon. David D Weinzweig

Side 1. In the Matter of the Conservatorship for:

H.N.
N.N.
M.N.

Minors.

SVETLANA NICHOLS, Petitioner/Appellant

(Litigant Group) SVETLANA NICHOLS

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Side 2. H.N., et al., Respondent/Appellee

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- H. N.
N. N.
M. N.

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CASE STATUS

May 4, 2026.....Decision Rendered

Table with 6 columns: PREDECESSOR CASE(S) +, Cause/Charge/Class, Judgment/Sentence, Judge, Role <Comments>, Trial, Dispo. Rows include case numbers like PB2023-001920 and descriptions like 'Petition for Appointment of Conservator for Minor Children'.

OPEN DUE DATE

Petition for Review to ASC Due

Due By:

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

Re: MEMORANDUM DECISION (Vacated, Remanded) Hon Michael J Brown - Author; Hon Veronika Fabian - Concur; Hon David D Weinzweig - Concur

CASE DECISION

04-May-2026 MEMORANDUM DECISION

Michael Brown.....Author
Veronika Fabian.....Concur
David Weinzweig.....Concur

Filed: 04-May-2026

Mandate:

Decision Disposition

Vacated
Remanded

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1.	9-Apr-2025	FILED: Index of Record, Notice of Appeal from Maricopa County Superior Court filed 03/11/25
2.	9-Apr-2025	FILED: e-Record on Appeal: PB2023-001920 Instruments/Minute Entries Exhibits: None
3.	9-Apr-2025	FILED: e-Record on Appeal: PB2024-090970 Instruments/Minute Entries Exhibits: None
4.	9-Apr-2025	FILED: e-Record on Appeal: PB2024-090971 Instruments/Minute Entries Exhibits: None
5.	9-Apr-2025	FILED: Record on Appeal: PB2024-090976 Instruments/Minute Entries Exhibits: None
6.	9-Apr-2025	FILED: Appellate Clerk Notice re: Appellant's Fee/Case Management Statement/Brief Due
7.	16-Apr-2025	RECEIPT No.: 2025-00444 ; \$330.00, Check Number: #2560, Applied to: SVETLANA NICHOLS - Class A Filing Fee (\$330.00) Paid for: - By Pangerl Law Firm PLLC
8.	29-Apr-2025	FILED: Case Management Statement (Appellant)
9.	1-May-2025	FILED: Appellate Clerk Notice re: Appellee Hudson Nichols, et al.'s Fee Due; Appellee The Slavicek Law Firm's Fee Due; Appellant's Brief Due
10.	1-May-2025	FILED: Settlement Conference Program Notice
11.	5-May-2025	FILED: Mother's Notice of Transcripts; Certificate of Service Re: Mother's Notice of Transcripts (Appellant)
12.	15-May-2025	FILED: Notice of Payment of Filing Fee; Certificate of Service of Notice of Payment of Filing Fee (Appellee)
13.	15-May-2025	FILED: Mother's Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Opening Brief (First Request); Certificate of Service Re: Mother's Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Opening Brief (Appellant)
14.	16-May-2025	ORDERED: Mother's Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Opening Brief (First Request) (Appellant) = GRANTED. Due date EXTENDED from Monday, 06-09-2025 to Wednesday, 07-09-2025. If the brief is not timely filed, the court will dismiss this appeal. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
15.	20-May-2025	RECEIPT No.: 2025-00591 ; \$165.00, Authorization: # 40008335414, Applied to: SLAVICEK LAW FIRM - Class B Filing Fee (\$165.00) Paid for: Wilson Law Firm - By nCourt LLC
16.	8-Jul-2025	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 09/25/2024 - Initial Hearing (Angela Furniss Miller)
17.	8-Jul-2025	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 10/15/2024 - Evidentiary Hearing (Angela Furniss Miller)
18.	9-Jul-2025	FILED: Appellant's Opening Brief; Certificate of Compliance Re: Mother's Opening Brief; Certificate of Service Re: Mother's Opening Brief (Appellant)
19.	21-Jul-2025	FILED: Notice of Appearance; Certificate of Service for Notice of Appearance (Respondent)
20.	21-Jul-2025	FILED: Motion for Procedural Order (Extension of Time to File Answering Brief); Certificate of Service for Motion for Procedural Order (Appellee SLF)
21.	22-Jul-2025	ORDERED: Motion for Procedural Order (Extension of Time to File Answering Brief) (Appellee SLF) = GRANTED. All answering brief due dates extended from Monday, 08-18-2025 to Wednesday, 09-17-2025. If the briefs are not timely filed, the court will submit this appeal for decision on the record and the opening brief. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
22.	29-Jul-2025	FILED: Mother's Motion to Amend Opening Brief and Notice Re: Trial Court Index; Certificate of Service Re: Mother's Motion to Amend Opening Brief and Notice Re: Trial Court Index (Appellant)
23.	30-Jul-2025	ORDERED: Mother's Motion to Amend Opening Brief and Notice Re: Trial Court Index (Appellant) = GRANTED. FURTHER ORDERED: Directing the Clerk of the Maricopa County Superior Court to prepare a supplemental index of any filings not already transmitted to this court, and to transmit the supplemental index, along with copies of all such filings, to this court by 08/13/2025. FURTHER ORDERED: Appellant may file an amended opening brief by 08/27/2025. FURTHER ORDERED: The answering brief will be due within 40 days after service of the amended opening brief. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
24.	26-Aug-2025	FILED: Notice Of Trial Court's Failure To Comply With Order Filed 7/30/25; Certificate Of Service Re: Notice Of Trial Court's Failure To Comply With Order Filed 7/30/25 (Appellant)

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25. 28-Aug-2025 ORDERED: Notice Of Trial Court's Failure To Comply With Order Filed 7/30/25 (Appellant) = GRANTED and directing the Clerk of the Maricopa County Superior Court to prepare a supplemental index of any filings not already transmitted to this court, and to transmit the supplemental index, along with copies of all such filings, to this court by 09/08/2025. FURTHER ORDERED: Appellant may file an amended opening brief by 09/22/2025. FURTHER ORDERED: Answering brief will be due within 40 days after service of the amended opening brief. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
26. 3-Sep-2025 FILED: Supplemented Superior Court e-Record with Revised Index of Record
27. 22-Sep-2025 FILED: (Amended) Appellant's Opening Brief; Certificate of Compliance re Mother's Opening Brief; Certificate of Service, Mother's Opening Brief (Appellant)
28. 27-Oct-2025 FILED: Answering Brief; Certificate of Compliance for Answering Brief; Certificate of Service for Answering Brief (Appellee Slavicek)
29. 11-Nov-2025 FILED: Appellant's Expedited Motion for Extension of Time to File Reply Brief Due to Unexpected & Extended Illness (Procedural Motion First Extension Requested); Certificate of Service Re: Appellant's Expedited Motion for Extension of Time to File Reply Brief Due to Unexpected & Extended Illness; Untitled (Email Correspondence) (Appellant)
30. 12-Nov-2025 ORDERED: Appellant's Expedited Motion for Extension of Time to File Reply Brief Due to Unexpected & Extended Illness (Procedural Motion First Extension Requested) (Appellant) = GRANTED. Due date EXTENDED from Monday, 11-17-2025 to Monday, 12-15-2025. If the brief is not timely filed, the court will submit this appeal for decision on the record and the filed briefs. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
31. 14-Dec-2025 FILED: Appellant's Reply Brief; Certificate of Compliance re: Mother's Reply Brief; Certificate of Service re: Mother's Reply Brief (Appellant)
32. 15-Dec-2025 FILED: Appellant's Reply Brief; Certificate of Compliance re: Mother's Reply Brief; Certificate of Service re: Mother's Reply Brief (Appellant)
33. 15-Dec-2025 ORDERED: Accepting the reply brief filed on 12/15/2025, in place of the brief filed on 12/14/2025. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
34. 26-Jan-2026 CLNDR: CONFERENCE, Department E, 3-26-26, COURTROOM 1.
35. 30-Jan-2026 FILED: Memorandum – to Clerk of Superior Court Re: any additional record not already transmitted due within 10 days
36. 9-Feb-2026 FILED: Supplemented Superior Court e-Record with Revised Index of Record[ PB2023-001920]
37. 4-May-2026 MEMORANDUM DECISION (Vacated, Remanded) Hon Michael J Brown - Author; Hon Veronika Fabian - Concur; Hon David D Weinzwieg - Concur
38. 4-May-2026 FILED: Decision Distribution Notification