

Court of Appeals, Division One

Civil - Family Court

1 CA-CV 25-0446 FC

LEIGH v. CHAVEZ

Appellate Case Information

Case Filed: 19-Jun-2025

Case Closed:

Dept/Composition

Department E

Hon. Michael J Brown
Hon. Veronika Fabian
Hon. Randall M Howe

Side 1. In re the Matter of:

CLARYN LEIGH, Petitioner/Appellee

(Litigant Group) CLARYN LEIGH

Claryn Leigh PRO SE

Side 2. RICO CHAVEZ, Respondent/Appellant

(Litigant Group) RICO CHAVEZ

Rico Chavez PRO SE

CASE STATUS

May 29, 2026... Decision Rendered

Table with 6 columns: PREDECESSOR CASE(S), Cause/Charge/Class, Judgment/Sentence, Judge, Role <Comments>, Trial, Dispo. Row 1: MAR, FC2024-090715, Petition to Establish Legal Decision Making, Parenting Time and Child Support, Michael Valenzuela, Authoring Judge of Order.

2 OPEN DUE DATES

Motion for Reconsideration Due Due By: Monday, June 15, 2026

Re: MEMORANDUM DECISION (Affirmed) Hon Michael J Brown - Author; Hon Veronika Fabian - Concur; Hon Randall M Howe - Concur

Petition for Review to ASC Due Due By: Monday, June 29, 2026

Re: MEMORANDUM DECISION (Affirmed) Hon Michael J Brown - Author; Hon Veronika Fabian - Concur; Hon Randall M Howe - Concur

CALENDAR

Thursday MONTHLY COURT CASE CALENDAR Mixed
14-May-2026 Department E; CONFERENCE ROOM

2 CASE DECISIONS

14-Oct-2025 ORDER

Vacated

ORDERED: Dismissing this appeal.

[Vacated per order filed 11/05/2025 - jb]

Steven Lawrence.....Author

Filed: 14-Oct-2025 Mandate:

Decision Disposition

Dismissed

29-May-2026 MEMORANDUM DECISION

Michael Brown.....Author

Veronika Fabian.....Concur

Randall Howe.....Concur

Filed: 29-May-2026 Mandate:

Decision Disposition

Affirmed

56 PROCEEDING ENTRIES

1. 19-Jun-2025 FILED: Index of Record, Notice of Appeal from Maricopa County Superior Court filed 05/21/25

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2. 19-Jun-2025 FILED: e-Record on Appeal: Instruments/Minute Entries Exhibits: None
Digital Exhibits: Petitioner Hearing Date 4/17/25 1, 4, 5, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14
3. 19-Jun-2025 FILED: Appellate Clerk Notice re: Continuing Deferral of Fees for Rico Chavez, Appellant
4. 19-Jun-2025 FILED: Appellate Clerk Notice re: Appellant's Fee Deferred/Appellee's Fee Due/Case Management Statement/Brief Due
5. 23-Jun-2025 FILED: Settlement Conference Program Notice
6. 24-Jul-2025 ORDERED: The case management statement must be filed by 08/04/2025. The opening brief remains due by 08/18/2025. If the statement and brief are not timely filed, the court will dismiss this appeal. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
7. 4-Aug-2025 FILED: Case Management Statement (Appellant Pro Per)
8. 18-Aug-2025 FILED: Motion for Extension of Time to File Brief (Opening Brief); Certificate of Service (Appellant Pro Per)
9. 18-Aug-2025 ORDERED: Motion for Extension of Time to File Brief (Opening Brief) (Appellant Pro Per) = GRANTED. Due date EXTENDED from Monday, 08-18-2025 to Thursday, 10-02-2025. If the brief is not timely filed, the court will dismiss this appeal. The parties are encouraged to submit future extension motions at least 5 business days prior to the brief deadline. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
10. 14-Oct-2025 ORDERED: Dismissing this appeal. Steven C Lawrence ProTem Judge - Author
11. 14-Oct-2025 FILED: Cover Letter to the Clerk of the Court; Motion to Reinstate Appeal; Untitled (Exhibit A) (Appellant Pro Per)
[Striken per order filed 10/17/2025 - jb]
12. 17-Oct-2025 ORDERED: Striking the motion to reinstate appeal filed on 10/14/2025. Steven C Lawrence ProTem Judge - Author
13. 20-Oct-2025 FILED: Cover Letter to the Clerk of the Court (Appellant Pro Per)
14. 20-Oct-2025 FILED: Motion to Reinstate Appeal; Certificate of Service (Appellant Pro Per)
15. 22-Oct-2025 ORDERED: The response to the motion is due by 11/03/2025. FURTHER ORDERED: That appellant may file a reply in accordance with ARCAP 6(a)(2). The court will rule on the motion following expiration of the time for a response and reply. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
16. 4-Nov-2025 FILED: Untitled (Request for Court to rule on Pending Motion) (Appellant Pro Per)
17. 4-Nov-2025 FILED: Motion to Rule on Appellant's Motion to Reinstate Appeal Due to Appellee's Failure to File Response and Request for Expedited Consideration; Certificate of Service (Appellant Pro Per)
18. 5-Nov-2025 ORDERED: Motion to Rule on Appellant's Motion to Reinstate Appeal Due to Appellee's Failure to File Response and Request for Expedited Consideration (Appellant Pro Per) = GRANTED. FURTHER ORDERED: Motion to Reinstate Appeal (Appellant Pro Per) = GRANTED. FURTHER ORDERED: Appellant must file the opening brief by 11/19/2025. If the brief is not timely filed, the court will dismiss this appeal. Hon Randall M Howe - Author
19. 20-Nov-2025 FILED: Opening Brief Of Appellant With Updated References (Appellant Pro Per)
20. 20-Nov-2025 FILED: Table of Authorities; Exhibit 1; Exhibit 2; Courtesy Copy of Letter, 8/15/25 from Jewish Family & Children's Service (Appellant Pro Per)
21. 20-Nov-2025 FILED: Exhibit 5; Exhibit 7; Exhibit 8; Courtesy Copy of Human Impact Attachment (Appellant Pro Per)
22. 20-Nov-2025 FILED: Motion to Expedite Appeal; Certificate of Service (Appellant Pro Per)
23. 21-Nov-2025 FILED: Motion for Leave to File Amended Opening Brief; Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service (Appellant Pro Per)
24. 21-Nov-2025 ORDERED: Motion to Expedite Appeal (Appellant Pro Per)= DENIED without prejudice to any party filing a motion to accelerate after this appeal is at issue. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
25. 21-Nov-2025 FILED: Motion to Set Briefing Schedule; Certificate of Service (Appellant Pro Per)
26. 22-Nov-2025 FILED: Supplement To Appellant's Motion To Expedite Appeal; Certificate of Service (Appellant Pro Per)
27. 24-Nov-2025 ORDERED: Motion to Set Briefing Schedule (Appellant Pro Per) = GRANTED appellant's motion in part as stated herein. FURTHER ORDERED: Supplement To Appellant's Motion To Expedite Appeal (Appellant Pro Per) = TAKING NO ACTION. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
28. 2-Dec-2025 FILED: Emergency Motion for Temporary Relief Pending Appeal (ARCAP 27); Certificate of Service; Proof of Service; Untitled (Exhibits) (Appellant Pro Per)
29. 2-Dec-2025 ORDERED: Emergency Motion for Temporary Relief Pending Appeal (ARCAP 27) (Appellant Pro Per) = DENIED. Hon Randall M Howe - Author

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30.	4-Dec-2025	FILED: Appellate Application for Deferral or Waiver of Court Fees and Consent to Entry of Judgment (Appellee Pro Per)
31.	4-Dec-2025	ORDERED: Appellate Application for Deferral or Waiver of Court Fees and Consent to Entry of Judgment (Appellee Pro Per) = DEFERRAL GRANTED. No payments will be due until further notice. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
32.	8-Dec-2025	FILED: Response to Motion; Certificate of Service (Appellee Pro Per)
33.	16-Dec-2025	ORDERED: Motion for Leave to File Amended Opening Brief (Appellant Pro Per) = GRANTED. FURTHER ORDERED: Appellant may file an amended opening brief by 01/02/2026. If appellant does not timely file an amended brief, the answering brief to the 11/20/2025 opening brief is due 02/02/2026. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
34.	12-Jan-2026	ORDERED: The answering brief to the 11/20/2025 opening brief is due by 02/02/2026. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
35.	13-Jan-2026	FILED: Opening Brief of Appellant; Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service (Appellant Pro Per)
36.	13-Jan-2026	FILED: APPENDIX - Other; Certificate of Service (Appellant Pro Per)
37.	13-Jan-2026	FILED: Motion to Accept Timely Filed Appellate Submission and for Leave to Resubmit; Certificate of Service (Appellant Pro Per)
38.	13-Jan-2026	FILED: Appellee's Response to Appellant's Motion to Accept Timely Filed Appellate Submission and for Leave to Resubmit; Certificate of Service (Appellee Pro Per)
39.	14-Jan-2026	ORDERED: Motion to Accept Timely Filed Appellate Submission and for Leave to Resubmit (Appellant Pro Per) 01/13: Appellee's Response to Appellant's Motion to Accept Timely Filed Appellate Submission and for Leave to Resubmit (Appellee Pro Per) = DENIED. FURTHER ORDERED: Striking the amended opening brief filed 01/13/2026. Hon Randall M Howe - Author [vacated per order filed 01/20/2026]
40.	14-Jan-2026	FILED: Motion for Reconsideration of Order Denying Motion to Accept Amended Opening Brief; Certificate of Service; Untitled (Prior TurboCourt Processing Issue Proof); Untitled (Turbo Court Proof of Filing Timely) (Appellant Pro Per)
41.	14-Jan-2026	FILED: Appellee's Response to Appellant's Motion for Reconsideration; Courtesy Copy - Order Denying Motion to Accept/Striking Amended Opening Brief, filed 01/14/2026 in Arizona State Court of Appeals Division One; Certificate of Service (Appellee Pro Per)
42.	15-Jan-2026	FILED: Appellee's Answering Brief; Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service (Appellee Pro Per)
43.	20-Jan-2026	ORDERED: Motion for Reconsideration of Order Denying Motion to Accept Amended Opening Brief (Appellant Pro Per) = GRANTED and vacating the court's 01/14/2026 "Order Denying Motion to Accept/Striking Amended Opening Brief." FURTHER ORDERED: Accepting the opening brief filed on 01/13/2026, in place of the brief filed on 11/20/2025. FURTHER ORDERED: Appellee may file an amended answering brief to the 01/13/2026 opening brief by 03/02/2026. If appellee files an amended answering brief, that brief will be accepted in place of the answering brief filed 01/15/2026. Nothing precludes appellee from including a request for sanctions against appellant in an amended answering brief. The court does not express an opinion on whether sanctions will be granted. FURTHER ORDERED: If appellee does not file an amended answering brief, the optional reply brief to the 01/15/2026 answering brief is due 03/23/2026. Hon Randall M Howe - Author
44.	22-Jan-2026	FILED: Appellee's Amended Answering Brief; Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service (Appellee Pro Per)
45.	10-Feb-2026	FILED: Appellant's Reply Brief; Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service (Appellant Pro Per)
46.	11-Feb-2026	FILED: Appellant's Reply Brief; Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service (Appellant Pro Per) [Stricken per order filed 02/12/2026]
47.	12-Feb-2026	ORDERED: Striking the reply brief filed on 02/11/2026. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
48.	12-Feb-2026	FILED: Untitled (Notice that Appeal is At Issue and Request for Ruling on Pending Motion to Expedite); Certificate of Service (Appellant Pro Per)
49.	13-Feb-2026	ORDERED: Taking no action on the notice. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
50.	13-Feb-2026	FILED: Appellant's Renewed Motion to Expedite Appeal and Motion to Accelerate Pursuant to ARCAP 29 (Appeal Now at Issue); Certificate of Service (Appellant Pro Per)
51.	9-Mar-2026	ORDERED: Appellant's Renewed Motion to Expedite Appeal and Motion to Accelerate Pursuant to ARCAP 29 (Appeal Now at Issue) (Appellant Pro Per) = DENIED. FURTHER ORDERED: Directing the Clerk of the Court to schedule this appeal for consideration on the first available date on the court's regular calendar. Hon Randall M Howe - Author
52.	25-Mar-2026	CLNDR: CONFERENCE, Department E, 5-14-26, COURTROOM 2.
53.	27-Mar-2026	FILED: Memorandum – to Clerk of Superior Court Re: any additional record not already transmitted due within 10 days
54.	6-Apr-2026	FILED: Supplemented Superior Court e-Record with Revised Index of Record
55.	29-May-2026	MEMORANDUM DECISION (Affirmed) Hon Michael J Brown - Author; Hon Veronika Fabian - Concur; Hon Randall M Howe - Concur

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56. 29-May-2026 FILED: Decision Distribution Notification