

Court of Appeals, Division One

Civil - Probate Case

1 CA-CV 25-0611 PB

SAMARAS v. SAMARAS

Appellate Case Information

Case Filed: 14-Aug-2025

Case Closed:

Dept/Composition

Department F

Hon. David B Gass
Hon. Anni Hill Foster
Hon. D Andrew Gaona

Side 1. In the Matter of:

BYRON SAMARAS
THE BYRON SAMARAS FAMILY LIVING TRUST

NICHOLAS SAMARAS, Petitioner/Appellant
(Litigant Group) NICHOLAS SAMARAS

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Side 2. CHRISTINA SAMARAS, Respondent/Appellee

(Litigant Group) CHRISTINA SAMARAS

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Table with 6 columns: PREDECESSOR CASE(S), Cause/Charge/Class, Judgment/Sentence, Judge, Role <Comments>, Trial, Dispo. Row 1: MAR, PB2023-050425, Petition for Formal Probate and Appointment of Personal Representative, Lisa Ann Vandenberg, Authoring Judge of Order, Vanessa N Smith, Authoring Judge of Order.

CALENDAR

Thursday MONTHLY COURT CASE CALENDAR

Mixed

14-May-2026 Department F; COURTROOM 2

9:30 AM NICHOLAS SAMARAS..... 20 mins.
CHRISTINA SAMARAS..... 20 mins.

37 PROCEEDING ENTRIES

- 1. 14-Aug-2025 FILED: Index of Record, Notice of Appeal from Maricopa County Superior Court filed 07/16/25.
2. 14-Aug-2025 FILED: e-Record on Appeal: Instruments/Minute Entries Exhibits: Hearing Date 12/3/24 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27
3. 14-Aug-2025 FILED: Appellate Clerk Notice re: Appellant's Fee/Case Management Statement/Brief Due
4. 21-Aug-2025 FILED: Notice of Association of Counsel; Certificate of Service (Appellant)
5. 26-Aug-2025 FILED: Case Management Statement (Appellant)
6. 27-Aug-2025 RECEIPT No.: 2025-00949 ; \$330.00, Authorization: #39006200650, Applied to: NICHOLAS SAMARAS - Class A Filing Fee (\$330.00) Paid for: Jones Skelton & Hochuli PLC - By nCourt LLC
7. 3-Sep-2025 FILED: Notice of Filing and Service of Reporter's Transcripts of Proceedings Designated on Appeal; Certificate of Service (Appellant)
8. 3-Sep-2025 FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 12/3/2024 - Bench Trial Day 1 - (Brittany Price/Melissa Drury) (Appellant)
9. 3-Sep-2025 FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 12/4/2024 - Bench Trial Day 2 - (Sarah Kvalheim/Irma Maglica) (Appellant)
10. 3-Sep-2025 FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 12/6/2024 - Bench Trial Day 3 - (Ashley Bennett) (Appellant)
11. 3-Sep-2025 FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 12/10/2024 - Bench Trial Day 4 - (Lisa Wheeler) (Appellant)
12. 3-Sep-2025 FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 6/5/2025 - Oral Argument - (Allison Lake) (Appellant)
13. 10-Sep-2025 FILED: Appellate Clerk Notice re: Appellee's Fee; Appellant's Brief Due
14. 10-Sep-2025 FILED: Settlement Conference Program Notice

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15.	19-Sep-2025	FILED: Supplemented Superior Court e-Record with Revised Index of Record (Includes Amended Motion to Withdraw as Counsel; Amended Notice of Appeal)
16.	23-Sep-2025	FILED: Notice of Payment of Fee; Notice Of Payment - Certificate of Service (Appellee)
17.	23-Sep-2025	FILED: Notice of Appearance; Certificate of Service (Appellee)
18.	26-Sep-2025	RECEIPT No.: 2025-01085 ; \$165.00, Authorization: #69003303881, Applied to: CHRISTINA SAMARAS - Class B Filing Fee (\$165.00) Paid for: Papetti Samuels Weiss McKirgan LLP - By nCourt LLC
19.	7-Oct-2025	FILED: Petitioner-Appellant's Opening Brief; Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service (Appellant)
20.	29-Oct-2025	FILED: Unopposed Motion for Procedural Order to Extend Deadline for Filing Answering Brief; Certificate of Service (Appellee)
21.	29-Oct-2025	ORDERED: Unopposed Motion for Procedural Order to Extend Deadline for Filing Answering Brief (Appellee) = GRANTED. Due date EXTENDED from Monday, 11-17-2025 to Tuesday, 12-09-2025. If the brief is not timely filed, the court will submit this appeal for decision on the record and the opening brief. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
22.	8-Dec-2025	FILED: Appellee Christina Samaras' Notice of Association of Counsel Within Firm; Certificate of Service (Appellee)
23.	9-Dec-2025	FILED: Appellee Christina Samaras' Answering Brief; Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service (Appellee)
24.	9-Dec-2025	FILED: Appellee Christina Samaras' Separate Appendix To Answering Brief; Attachments to Appellee's Separate Appendix to Answering Brief; Certificate of Service (Appellee)
25.	12-Dec-2025	FILED: Unopposed Motion for Procedural Order for Extension of Time to File Reply Brief; Certificate of Service (Appellant)
26.	15-Dec-2025	ORDERED: Unopposed Motion for Procedural Order for Extension of Time to File Reply Brief (Appellant) = GRANTED. Due date EXTENDED from Monday, 12-29-2025 to Tuesday, 01-20-2026. 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
27.	9-Jan-2026	FILED: Reply Brief; Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service (Appellant)
28.	12-Jan-2026	FILED: Appellee's Request for Oral Argument; Certificate of Service (Appellee)
29.	22-Jan-2026	ORDERED: Appellee's Request for Oral Argument (Appellee) = GRANTED. Hon Randall M Howe - Author
30.	17-Feb-2026	FILED: Memorandum – to Clerk of Superior Court Re: any additional record not already transmitted due within 10 days
31.	25-Feb-2026	CLNDR: MONTHLY COURT CASE CALENDAR, Department F, 4-30-26, 09:30 am, COURTROOM 1.
32.	26-Feb-2026	FILED: Supplemented Superior Court e-Record with Revised Index of Record
33.	12-Mar-2026	FILED: Motion for Procedural Order to Continue Oral Argument; Certificate of Service (Appellant)
34.	16-Mar-2026	FILED: Return Receipt for Notice of Oral Argument, signed by Eileen Dennis GilBride, on 03/16/2026 (Appellant)
35.	16-Mar-2026	ORDERED: Motion for Procedural Order to Continue Oral Argument (Appellant) = GRANTED, continuing oral argument from 04/30/2026 at 9:30 a.m. to 05/14/2026 at 9:30 a.m. before Department F, in Courtroom 2. Hon David B Gass - Author
36.	17-Mar-2026	FILED: Return Receipt Re Oral Argument, signed by Lawrence Kasten on 3/18/26 (Appellee)
37.	14-May-2026	FILED: Sign-in Sheet/Case is Under Advisement as of 05/14/2026