

Court of Appeals, Division One

Civil Appeal

1 CA-CV 25-0620

VARELA v. MARTINEZ

Appellate Case Information

Case Filed: 19-Aug-2025

Case Closed:

Dept/Composition

Side 1. JESUS MANUEL VARELA, et al., Plaintiff/Appellant

(Litigant Group) VARELA

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(Litigant Group) MARTINEZ

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Table with 7 columns: PREDECESSOR CASE(S), Cause/Charge/Class, Judgment/Sentence, Judge, Role <Comments>, Trial, Dispo. Row 1: MAR, CV2023-001117, Tort Motor Vehicle, Randall H Warner, Authoring Judge of Order.

OPEN DUE DATE

Answering Brief due Due By: Monday, June 8, 2026

Re: * ORDERED: Supplemental Opening Brief/Answering Brief = GRANTED. IT IS ORDERED: The answering brief is due by 06/08/2026. If the brief is not timely filed, the court will submit this appeal for decision on the record and the opening brief. Melina Brill

27 PROCEEDING ENTRIES

- 1. 19-Aug-2025 FILED: Index of Record, Notice of Appeal filed in the Superior Court of Maricopa County 7/21/25
2. 19-Aug-2025 FILED: Record on Appeal: Combined Instruments/Minute Entries Digital Exhibits: Hearing Date 4/21/25 - List and #P2, P4, D1, D3, D7
3. 19-Aug-2025 FILED: Appellate Clerk Notice re: Appellant's Fee/Case Management Statement/Brief Due
4. 3-Sep-2025 FILED: Notice of Payment of Filing Fee (Appellants)
5. 9-Sep-2025 RECEIPT No.: 2025-00992 ; \$330.00, Authorization: # 52006109032, Applied to: VARELA - Class A Filing Fee (\$330.00) Paid for: IBF Law Group PLLC - By nCourt, LLC
6. 16-Sep-2025 FILED: Case Management Statement (Appellant) [Accepted per order filed 09/16/2025]
7. 16-Sep-2025 FILED: Motion to Accept Untimely Filing (Case Management Statement); Motion to Accept Untimely Filing (Case Management Statement) (Duplicate) (Appellant)
8. 16-Sep-2025 ORDERED: Pursuant to Eaton Fruit Co. v. California Spray-Chemical Corp., staying appeal until 10/16/2025, revesting jurisdiction in superior court and authorizing that court to consider motion for signed order re: minute entry dated 06/24/2025, filed 06/26/2025. FURTHER ORDERED: Appellant must file motion asking superior court to enter signed order. If no order has been signed by 10/16/2025, appellant must file motion to continue this appeal that describes status of motion. Otherwise, this court will dismiss this appeal. FURTHER ORDERED: Directing the Clerk of the Maricopa County Superior Court to transmit a certified copy of the ruling within 10 days after entry, marked for filing in this appeal. The stay will be lifted automatically when this court receives the signed order. FURTHER ORDERED: Opening brief due by 11/17/2025. If brief not timely filed, court will dismiss this appeal. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
9. 16-Sep-2025 ORDERED: Motion to Accept Untimely Filing (Case Management Statement) (Appellant) = GRANTED and accepting the case management statement filed on 09/16/2025. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
10. 16-Oct-2025 FILED: Notice of Filing Signed Judgment and Request to Lift Stay of Appeal; Certificate of Service; Attachment A (Appellant)
11. 27-Oct-2025 FILED: Supplemented Superior Court e-Record with Revised Index of Record
12. 28-Oct-2025 ORDERED: Affirming the stay of this appeal is lifted. FURTHER ORDERED: Opening brief is due by 11/17/2025. If the brief is not timely filed, this court will dismiss this appeal. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
13. 6-Nov-2025 FILED: Appellate Clerk Notice re: Appellee's Fee; Appellant's Brief Due
14. 6-Nov-2025 FILED: Settlement Conference Program Notice

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15. 12-Nov-2025 FILED: Blank Document for Payment of Filing Fees Due November 21, 2025; Blank Document for Payment of Filing Fees Due November 21, 2025 (Appellee)
16. 17-Nov-2025 FILED: Motion to Extend Time to File Opening Brief; Certificate of Service (Appellant)
17. 18-Nov-2025 RECEIPT No.: 2025-01275 ; \$165.00, Authorization: # 22005566199, Applied to: MARTINEZ - Class B Filing Fee (\$165.00) Paid for: Donaldson Law PLC - By nCourt LLC
18. 18-Nov-2025 ORDERED: Motion to Extend Time to File Opening Brief (Appellant) = GRANTED. Due date EXTENDED from Monday, 11-17-2025 to Friday, 01-16-2026. 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
19. 15-Jan-2026 FILED: Motion to Extend Time to File Opening Brief; Certificate of Service (Appellants)
20. 16-Jan-2026 FILED: Response in Opposition to Appellants' Second Motion to Extend Deadline to File Opening Brief; Certificate of Service of Appellee's Response in Opposition to Appellants' Second Motion to Extend Deadline to File Opening Brief (Appellee)
21. 16-Jan-2026 ORDERED: Motion to Extend Time to File Opening Brief (Appellants) = GRANTED in part and extending the time to file the opening brief from 01/16/2026 to 03/02/2026. No further extensions will be granted. If the brief is not timely filed, the court will dismiss this appeal. Further, if appellants' counsel does not comply with the rules and the court's extension policy, the court may deny any further extension request on that basis. Steven C Lawrence ProTem Judge - Author
22. 16-Jan-2026 ORDERED: Affirming the court's 01/16/2026 order granting the extension. Steven C Lawrence ProTem Judge - Author
23. 2-Mar-2026 FILED: Motion for Leave to Supplement Opening Brief Upon Receipt of Transcript; Certificate of Service; Exhibit A (Appellant)
24. 2-Mar-2026 FILED: Appellant's Opening Brief; Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service (Appellant)
25. 3-Mar-2026 ORDERED: Vacating the due date for the answering brief. The order ruling on the pending motion will set a due date to file the answering brief. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
26. 20-Mar-2026 ORDERED: Motion for Leave to Supplement Opening Brief Upon Receipt of Transcript (Appellant) = GRANTED and allowing appellants to file a supplemental opening brief limited to issues and arguments for which transcripts are needed. FURTHER ORDERED: The supplemental opening brief is due by 04/20/2026. Appellants are reminded they must file the transcripts with the court and serve appellee. ARCAP 11.1(d). FURTHER ORDERED: The answering brief is due within 40 days after service of the supplemental opening brief. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
27. 27-Apr-2026 ORDERED: Supplemental Opening Brief/Answering Brief = GRANTED. IT IS ORDERED: The answering brief is due by 06/08/2026. 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