

Court of Appeals, Division One

Civil - Probate Case

1 CA-CV 25-0685 PB

CLAXTON v. BROOKS, et al.

Appellate Case Information

Case Filed: 9-Sep-2025

Case Closed:

Dept/Composition

Department E

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

Side 1. In the Matter of the Estate of:

MARGARET C. CLAXTON,

Deceased.

RICHARD WILLIAM CLAXTON, Petitioner/Appellant

(Litigant Group) RICHARD WILLIAM CLAXTON

Richard William Claxton PRO SE

Side 2. MARY MARGARET BROOKS, et al., Respondent/Appellee

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CASE STATUS

May 18, 2026... Decision Rendered

Table with 6 columns: PREDECESSOR CASE(S), Cause/Charge/Class, Judgment/Sentence, Judge, Role <Comments>, Trial, Dispo. Row 1: MAR, PB1997-001803, Petition to Reopen Probate, Elizabeth T Bingert, Authoring Judge of Order.

2 OPEN DUE DATES

Motion for Reconsideration Due Due By: Tuesday, June 2, 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: Wednesday, June 17, 2026

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

CASE DECISION

18-May-2026 MEMORANDUM DECISION

Michael Brown.....Author
Veronika Fabian.....Concur
Randall Howe.....Concur

Filed: 18-May-2026 Mandate:

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24 PROCEEDING ENTRIES

- 1. 9-Sep-2025 FILED: Index of Record, Notice of Appeal from Maricopa County Superior Court filed 08/01/25
2. 9-Sep-2025 FILED: e-Record on Appeal: Instruments/Minute Entries Exhibits: None
3. 9-Sep-2025 FILED: Appellate Clerk Notice re: Continuing Waiver of Fees for Richard William Claxton, Appellant
4. 9-Sep-2025 FILED: Appellate Clerk Notice re: Appellant's Fee Waived/Each Appellee's Fee Due/Case Management Statement/Brief Due
5. 13-Sep-2025 FILED: Case Management Statement (Appellant Pro Per)

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6.	13-Sep-2025	FILED: Motion to Stay Appeal; Certification of Service; Exhibits A and B in Support of Motion to Stay Appeal (Appellant Pro Per)
7.	16-Sep-2025	FILED: Settlement Conference Program Notice
8.	22-Sep-2025	FILED: Notice of Appearance; Certificate of Service (Appellee Brooks)
9.	26-Sep-2025	RECEIPT No.: 2025-01087 ; \$165.00, Authorization: #69003303881, Applied to: MARY MARGARET BROOKS - Class B Filing Fee (\$165.00) Paid for: Dyer Bregman Ferris Wong & Carter, PLLC - By nCourt LLC
10.	29-Sep-2025	ORDERED: Motion to Stay Appeal (Appellant) = GRANTED. FURTHER ORDERED: (per Sorensen v. Farmers) staying appeal until 10/29/2025, revesting jurisdiction in superior court and authorizing that court to consider a motion for a signed judgment with Rule 54(c) finality language. FURTHER ORDERED: Appellant must file motion asking superior court to enter signed judgment. If no order has been signed by 10/29/2025, appellant must file motion to continue stay of appeal that describes status of matter. Otherwise, this court will dismiss appeal. FURTHER ORDERED: Opening brief due by 12/01/2025. If brief not timely filed, court will dismiss this appeal. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
11.	1-Oct-2025	FILED: Notice of Filing Signed Rule 54(c) Finality Order; Certification of Service; Exhibit A (Minute Entry from Maricopa Superior Court) (Appellant Pro Per)
12.	3-Oct-2025	ORDERED: Affirming 09/29/2025 Order Staying Appeal to allow appellant to obtain a signed Rule 54(c) order. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
13.	16-Oct-2025	FILED: Supplemented Superior Court e-Record with Revised Index of Record (Includes Rule 54c filed 09/30/2025)
14.	21-Nov-2025	FILED: Opening Brief; Certificate of Compliance; Certification of Service - 1 CA-CV 25-0685PB; Appendix (Index of Exhibits) (Appellant Pro Per)
15.	5-Jan-2026	FILED: Notice of Appearance; Certificate of Service (Appellee Brooks)
16.	5-Jan-2026	FILED: Notice of Firm Name Change; Certificate of Service (Appellee Brooks)
17.	5-Jan-2026	FILED: Appellee's Answering Brief; Certificate of Compliance; Proof of Service (Appellee Brooks)
18.	5-Jan-2026	FILED: Certificate of Service (Appellee Brooks)
19.	20-Jan-2026	FILED: Reply Brief; Certificate of Compliance; Certification of Service - 1 CA-CV 25-0685PB (Appellant Pro Per)
20.	25-Feb-2026	CLNDR: CONFERENCE, Department E, 4-9-26, COURTROOM 2.
21.	4-Mar-2026	FILED: Memorandum – to Clerk of Superior Court Re: any additional record not already transmitted due within 10 days
22.	13-Mar-2026	FILED: Supplemented Superior Court e-Record with Revised Index of Record
23.	18-May-2026	MEMORANDUM DECISION (Affirmed) Hon Michael J Brown - Author; Hon Veronika Fabian - Concur; Hon Randall M Howe - Concur
24.	18-May-2026	FILED: Decision Distribution Notification