

Court of Appeals, Division One

Civil - Family Court

1 CA-CV 25-0686 FC

STATE/DENNIS v. LIGHTLE

Appellate Case Information

Case Filed: 5-Sep-2025

Case Closed:

Dept/Composition

Department A

Hon. Samuel A Thumma
Hon. Andrew J Becke
Hon. Kent E Cattani

Side 1. STATE OF ARIZONA ex rel., DES (SIRENA SIMONE DENNIS), Petitioner/Appellee

(Litigant Group) STATE OF ARIZONA

- State of Arizona

Attorneys for: Petitioner/Appellee

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(Litigant Group) SIRENA SIMONE DENNIS

- Sirena Simone Dennis

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Side 2. BRIAN GREGORY LIGHTLE, Respondent/Appellant

(Litigant Group) BRIAN GREGORY LIGHTLE

- Brian Gregory Lightle

Attorney for: Respondent/Appellant

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CASE STATUS

Apr 24, 2026....Assigned

Table with 6 columns: PREDECESSOR CASE (S), Cause/Charge/Class, Judgment/Sentence, Judge, Role <Comments>, Trial, Dispo. Row 1: MAR, FC2011-053076, Motion to Alter or Amend; Rule 83 (Child Support), John R Doody, Authoring Judge of Order.

CALENDAR

Tuesday MONTHLY COURT CASE CALENDAR

Mixed

23-Jun-2026 Department A; COURTROOM 2

56 PROCEEDING ENTRIES

- 1. 5-Sep-2025 FILED: Index of Record, Notice of Appeal from Maricopa County Superior Court filed 08/08/25
2. 5-Sep-2025 FILED: e-Record on Appeal: Instruments/Minute Entries Exhibits: None
3. 5-Sep-2025 FILED: Additional Record on Appeal: Physical Exhibits Hearing Date 03/26/2014 List # 1, 2, 3, 15, 16, 18, 29, 30, 35 in Manila Envelope Hearing Date 04/22/2025 List # 5, 6, 8, 12, 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 in Manila Envelope
4. 9-Sep-2025 FILED: Appellate Clerk Notice re: Appellant's Fee/Case Management Statement/Brief Due
5. 19-Sep-2025 FILED: Notice of Payment of Appellant Filing Fees; Certificate of Service of Notice of Payment of Appellant Filing Fees (Appellant)
6. 25-Sep-2025 RECEIPT No.: 2025-01074 ; \$330.00, Authorization: #68006806305, Applied to: BRIAN GREGORY LIGHTLE - Class A Filing Fee (\$330.00) Paid for: S Alan Cook PC - By nCourt LLC
7. 26-Sep-2025 FILED: Case Management Statement of Appellant (Appellant)
8. 28-Sep-2025 FILED: Motion to Dismiss Appeal and Request for Sanctions; Certificate of Service of Notice of Payment of Appellant Filing Fees (Appellee Pro Per)
9. 29-Sep-2025 ORDERED: Motion to Dismiss Appeal and Request for Sanctions (Appellee Pro Per) = DENIED. 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 78(c) language. FURTHER ORDERED: Appellant must file motion asking superior court to enter signed judgment. If no judgment 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
10. 2-Oct-2025 RECEIPT No.: 2025-01113 ; \$165.00, Authorization: #75013710534, Applied to: SIRENA SIMONE DENNIS - Class B Filing Fee (\$165.00) Paid for: SIRENA DENNIS - By nCourt LLC
11. 15-Oct-2025 FILED: Motion to Dismiss Appeal with Prejudice for Lack of Jurisdiction and Bad Faith Filing, and in the Alternative, Motion to Lift Stay; Certificate of Service; Untitled (Exhibits); Untitled (Evidence) (Appellee Pro Per)

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12. 16-Oct-2025 ORDERED: Motion to Dismiss Appeal with Prejudice for Lack of Jurisdiction and Bad Faith Filing, and in the Alternative, Motion to Lift Stay (Appellee Pro Per) = DENIED without prejudice to Ms. Dennis raising such arguments in the answering brief. The stay will automatically lift when this court receives the Rule 78(c) signed judgment and signed order. Steven C Lawrence ProTem Judge - Author
13. 20-Oct-2025 FILED: Notice Of Motion To Enter Formal Order In Aid Of Appeal Filed In Superior Court; Certificate of Service Notice Of Motion To Enter Formal Order In Aid Of Appeal Filed In Superior Court (Appellant)
14. 21-Oct-2025 ORDERED: Taking no action on the notice. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
15. 22-Oct-2025 FILED: Appellee's Notice of Noncompliance and Motion for Clarification of Stay; Request for Administrative Direction; Notice of Nonpayment of Child Support; Request to Deny Continuance and Dismiss; and Request for Sanctions; Appellee's Notice of Noncompliance and Motion for Clarification of Stay; Request for Administrative Direction; Notice of Nonpayment of Child Support; Request to Deny Continuance and Dismiss; and Request for Sanctions (Duplicate) (Certificate of Service); Appellee's Notice of Noncompliance and Motion for Clarification of Stay; Request for Administrative Direction; Notice of Nonpayment of Child Support; Request to Deny Continuance and Dismiss; and Request for Sanctions (Duplicate) (Exhibit); Appellee's Notice of Noncompliance and Motion for Clarification of Stay; Request for Administrative Direction; Notice of Nonpayment of Child Support; Request to Deny Continuance and Dismiss; and Request for Sanctions (Duplicate) (Exhibit) (Appellee Pro Per)
16. 24-Oct-2025 FILED: Untitled (copy of notice to trial court proceedings) (Appellee Pro Per)
17. 31-Oct-2025 FILED: Supplemented Superior Court e-Record with Revised Index of Record (Includes signed ME filed 10/22/2025 with Rule 78(c) language)
18. 5-Nov-2025 FILED: Courtesy Copy - Motion for Change of Judge for Cause, filed 11/05/2025 in Maricopa County Superior Court (Appellee Dennis)
19. 6-Nov-2025 FILED: Motion For Extension of Time to File Opening Brief; Certificate of Service of Motion for Extension of Time to File Opening Brief (Appellant)
20. 6-Nov-2025 ORDERED: Appellee's Notice of Noncompliance and Motion for Clarification of Stay; Request for Administrative Direction; Notice of Nonpayment of Child Support; Request to Deny Continuance and Dismiss; and Request for Sanctions (Appellee Pro Per) = GRANTED the request to clarify the stay as stated herein (see order). FURTHER ORDERED: Denying all other relief requested in the notice. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
21. 7-Nov-2025 ORDERED: Motion For Extension of Time to File Opening Brief (Appellant) = GRANTED. Due date EXTENDED from Monday, 11-10-2025 to Wednesday, 12-24-2025. If the brief is not timely filed, the court will dismiss this appeal. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
22. 7-Nov-2025 FILED: Appellee's Motion to Vacate Order Granting Extension and to Dismiss Appeal; Notice of Appellant's Noncompliance with ARCAP 11; and, in the Alternative, Motion for Sanctions and Attorney Fees under ARCAP 25 and ARS 12-346(A)(3); Certificate of Service (Appellee Dennis Pro Per)
23. 10-Nov-2025 FILED: Appellee's Consolidated Motion to Disqualify Counsel S. Alan Cook, or in the Alternative for Sanctions and Referral to the State Bar of Arizona; Untitled (Certificate of Service) (Appellee Pro Per)
24. 14-Nov-2025 ORDERED: Appellee's Motion to Vacate Order Granting Extension and to Dismiss Appeal; Notice of Appellant's Noncompliance with ARCAP 11; and, in the Alternative, Motion for Sanctions and Attorney Fees under ARCAP 25 and ARS 12-346(A)(3) (Appellee Dennis Pro Per) = DENIED both of appellee's motions in their entirety. (Consolidated Motion to Disqualify Counsel S. Alan Cook, or in the Alternative for Sanctions and Referral to the State Bar of Arizona). FURTHER ORDERED: Affirming the court's 11/7/2025 order granting an extension until 12/24/2025 for appellant to file the opening brief. Hon Randall M Howe - Author
25. 20-Nov-2025 FILED: Notice Of Filing Transcripts Of 4/22/25 And 5/27/25 Hearings; Certificate of Service of Notice Of Filing Transcripts Of 4/22/25 And 5/27/25 Hearings (Appellant)
26. 20-Nov-2025 FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 04/22/2025 - IV-D Hearing (Kimberly McCright) (Appellant)
27. 20-Nov-2025 FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 05/27/2025 - Evidentiary Hearing (Kimberly McCright) (Appellant)
28. 8-Dec-2025 FILED: Motion to Compel Completion of Transcripts Record and Request for Deadline for Transcript Designation and Production; Untitled (Page 2 of Motion to Compel Completion of Transcripts Record and Request for Deadline for Transcript Designation and Production) (Appellee Pro Per)
29. 8-Dec-2025 FILED: Returned US Mail, Order Denying Motion to Dismiss/Motion to Disqualify dated 11/14/2025, addressed to Alejandra Valdez, Not Deliverable as Addressed (Not Resent)
30. 9-Dec-2025 ORDERED: Motion to Compel Completion of Transcripts Record and Request for Deadline for Transcript Designation and Production (Appellee Pro Per) = DENIED. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
31. 18-Dec-2025 FILED: Returned US Mail, Order Denying Motion to Compel dated 12/09/2025, addressed to Alejandra Valdez, Unable to Forward (Not Resent)
32. 23-Dec-2025 FILED: Motion for Extension of Time to File Opening Brief; Certificate of Service of Motion for Extension of Time to File Opening Brief (Appellant)

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33.	23-Dec-2025	FILED: Appellee's Response to Motion for Extension of Time, and Request for Sanctions, Attorney Fees, Costs; Untitled (Certificate of Service) (Appellee Pro Per)
34.	24-Dec-2025	ORDERED: Motion for Extension of Time to File Opening Brief (Appellant) = GRANTED. Due date EXTENDED from Wednesday, 12-24-2025 to Thursday, 01-29-2026. No further extensions will be granted. If the brief is not timely filed, the court will dismiss this appeal. The court encourages the parties to submit extension motions at least five days before the deadline. Steven C Lawrence ProTem Judge - Author
35.	24-Dec-2025	ORDERED: Affirming the court's 12/23/2025 order granting the extension. FURTHER ORDERED: Denying all relief requested in the response. Steven C Lawrence ProTem Judge - Author
36.	9-Jan-2026	FILED: Returned US Mail, Extension Order dated 01/09/2026, addressed to Alejandra Valdez , Not deliverable (Resent 01/09/2026)
37.	9-Jan-2026	FILED: Returned US Mail, Extension for Opening Brief dated 01/09/2026, addressed to Alejandra Valdez, Not Deliverable (Resent 01/09/2026)
38.	29-Jan-2026	FILED: Opening Brief on Appeal; Certificate of Compliance of Opening Brief; Certificate of Service of Opening Brief (Appellant)
39.	30-Jan-2026	FILED: Appellee's Motion to Supplement the Record; Untitled (Certificate of Service) (Appellee Pro Per)
40.	2-Feb-2026	ORDERED: Appellee's Motion to Supplement the Record (Appellee Pro Per) = DENIED. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
41.	19-Feb-2026	FILED: Answering Brief of Appellee Sirena Simone Dennis; Certificate of Compliance of Opening Brief; Certificate of Service (Appellee Pro Per)
42.	20-Feb-2026	ORDERED: Appellee Sirena Simone Dennis must file a signed certificate of service by 03/02/2026. If the certificate of service is not timely filed, the court may impose sanctions, including striking the answering brief. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
43.	20-Feb-2026	FILED: Adess Notice of Nonparticipation; States Certificate of Service of Adess Notice of Non Participation (Appellee State of AZ)
44.	27-Feb-2026	FILED: Certificate of Service of Answering Brief (Appellee Pro Per)
45.	11-Mar-2026	FILED: Motion For Extension Of Time To File Reply Brief; Certificate Of Service Of Motion For Extension Of Time To File Reply Brief (Appellant)
46.	11-Mar-2026	FILED: Motion in Opposition to Extension of Time to File Reply Brief; Certificate of Service (Appellee Pro Per)
47.	12-Mar-2026	ORDERED: Motion For Extension Of Time To File Reply Brief ((Appellee Pro Per) = GRANTED. Due date EXTENDED from Wednesday, 03-11-2026 to Monday, 03-23-2026. 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
48.	23-Mar-2026	FILED: Reply Brief on Appeal; Certificate of Compliance of Reply Brief; Certificate of Service of Reply Brief (Appellant)
49.	24-Mar-2026	FILED: Appellee's Combined Motion to Strike Improper Arguments in Appellant's Reply Brief, Motion for Summary Affirmance, and Alternative Motion to Dismiss; Certificate of Service (Appellee Pro Per)
50.	7-Apr-2026	FILED: Motion for Extension of Time to File Response to Combined Motion to Strike Improper Arguments in Appellant's Reply Brief, Motion for Summary Affirmance, and Alternative Motion to Dismiss; Certificate of Service of Motion for Extension of Time to File Response to Combined Motion to Strike Improper Arguments in Appellant's Reply Brief, Motion for Summary Affirmance, and Alternative Motion to Dismiss (Appellant)
51.	7-Apr-2026	ORDERED: Motion for Extension of Time to File Response to Combined Motion to Strike Improper Arguments in Appellant's Reply Brief, Motion for Summary Affirmance, and Alternative Motion to Dismiss (Appellant) = GRANTED. Due date EXTENDED from Tuesday, 04-07-2026 to Friday, 04-10-2026. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
52.	10-Apr-2026	FILED: Response to Motion to Strike Reply Brief, etc.; Certificate of Service of Response to Motion to Strike Reply Brief, etc. (Appellant)
53.	21-Apr-2026	FILED: Memorandum – to Clerk of Superior Court Re: any additional record not already transmitted due within 10 days
54.	23-Apr-2026	ORDERED: Appellee's Combined Motion to Strike Improper Arguments in Appellant's Reply Brief, Motion for Summary Affirmance, and Alternative Motion to Dismiss (Appellee Pro Per) = DENIED. FURTHER ORDERED: Denying appellant's request for attorney fees and costs without prejudice to the merits panel considering the request for fees and costs in the briefing. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
55.	24-Apr-2026	CLNDR: CONFERENCE, Department A, 6-23-26, COURTROOM 2.
56.	1-May-2026	FILED: Supplemented Superior Court e-Record with Revised Index of Record