

Court of Appeals, Division One

Civil - Probate Case

1 CA-CV 25-0956 PB

KITAGUCHI v. VELASCO et al.

Appellate Case Information

Case Filed: 25-Nov-2025

Case Closed:

Dept/Composition

Side 1. TERRY KITAGUCHI, Plaintiff/Counterdefendant/Appellant

(Litigant Group) KITAGUCHI

- Terry Kitaguchi, Appellee

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Side 2. FELIPE VELASCO, et al., Defendant/Counterclaimant/Appellee

(Litigant Group) VELASCO et al.

- Felipe Velasco, Appellant
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Side 3. HYMSON GOLDSTEIN PANTILIAT & LOHR, PLLC, Intervenor/Appellee

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CASE STATUS

Jun 1, 2026.....At Issue Review

May 25, 2026...At Issue

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OPEN DUE DATE

Reply Brief Due

Due By:

Monday, June 1, 2026

Re: FILED: Appellees Velascos' Answering Brief to Kitaguchis's Opening Brief; Appellees Velasco's Certificate of Compliance for Answering Brief; Certification of Service of Appellees Velascos' Answering Brief (Appellees/Appellants)

PENDING MATTER

Div 1 Request for Oral Argument

Filed: 8-Dec-2025

Request for Oral Argument (Appellant/Appellee)

37 PROCEEDING ENTRIES

- 1. 25-Nov-2025 FILED: Index of Record, Notice of Appeal filed in the Superior Court of Maricopa County 10/29/25 (Appellant Kitaguchi); Notice of Appeal filed in the Superior Court of Maricopa County 10/30/25 (Appellant Velasco)
2. 25-Nov-2025 FILED: Record on Appeal (PB2024-002113): Combined Instruments/Minute Entries Physical Exhibits: Hearing Date 7/11/25 - List and #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 in box
3. 25-Nov-2025 FILED: Record on Appeal (CV2024-002360): Combined Instruments/Minute Entries Exhibits: None
4. 2-Dec-2025 FILED: Appellate Clerk Notice re: Appellants' Fees/Case Management Statements/Briefs Due
5. 3-Dec-2025 FILED: Notice of Filing Fee Payment; Certification of Service re Notice of Filing Fee Payment (Appellants)

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6.	8-Dec-2025	FILED: Request for Oral Argument; Certificate of Service (Appellant/Appellee)
7.	8-Dec-2025	RECEIPT No.: 2025-01343 ; \$330.00, Authorization: #42019010829, Applied to: VELASCO et al. - Class A Filing Fee (\$330.00) Paid for: Payneless Law - By nCourt LLC
8.	11-Dec-2025	RECEIPT No.: 2025-01358 ; \$330.00, Authorization: # 45009990516, Applied to: KITAGUCHI - Class A Filing Fee (\$330.00) Paid for: Ahwatukee Legal Office PC - By nCourt, LLC
9.	11-Dec-2025	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 07/11/2025 - Evidentiary Hearing - (Michele Kaley) (Appellant/Appellee)
10.	11-Dec-2025	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 09/23/2024 - Hearing - (Michele Kaley) (Appellant/Appellee)
11.	11-Dec-2025	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 10/09/2024 - Hearing - (Michele Kaley) (Appellant/Appellee)
12.	22-Dec-2025	FILED: Case Management Statement (Appellant/Appellee)
13.	22-Dec-2025	FILED: Case Management Statement; Certification of Service Re Case Management Statement (Appellee/Appellant)
14.	9-Jan-2026	FILED: Motion for Procedural Order for an Extension of Time to File Opening Brief; Certificate of Service (Appellee/Appellant)
15.	9-Jan-2026	ORDERED: Motion for Procedural Order for an Extension of Time to File Opening Brief (Appellee/Appellant) = GRANTED. Due date EXTENDED from Monday, 02-02-2026 to Wednesday, 03-04-2026. If the brief is not timely filed, the court will dismiss this appeal. FURTHER ORDERED: Amending the caption as shown on this order to correct typographical errors. Steven C Lawrence ProTem Judge - Author
16.	15-Jan-2026	FILED: Appellate Clerk Notice re: Appellee/Appellants Fee paid; Two Briefs Due
17.	15-Jan-2026	FILED: Settlement Conference Program Notice
18.	20-Jan-2026	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 04/23/2025 - Order to Show Cause (Christian Mares) (Appellant/Appellee)
19.	27-Jan-2026	FILED: Unopposed Motion for Procedural Order to Extend Deadline for the Opening Brief; Certificate of Service (Appellant/Appellee)
20.	28-Jan-2026	ORDERED: Unopposed Motion for Procedural Order to Extend Deadline for the Opening Brief (Appellant/Appellee) = GRANTED. Due date EXTENDED from Monday, 02-02-2026 to Wednesday, 03-04-2026 (Kitaguchi). If the brief is not timely filed, the court will dismiss Terry Kitaguchi's appeal. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
21.	28-Jan-2026	FILED: Supplement to Transcript of 07/11/2025 Evidentiary Hearing; Reporter's Transcript- 07/11/2025 (Michele Kaley) (Appellant)
22.	4-Mar-2026	FILED: Appellants Velasco's Opening Brief; Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service (Appellants Velascos)
23.	4-Mar-2026	FILED: Opening Brief of Terry Kitaguchi; Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service (Appellant Kitaguchi)
24.	9-Mar-2026	FILED: Appellee/Party-in-Interest HGPL's Motion to Enforce ARCAP 14 Word Limits and to Require a Compliant Opening Brief by Felipe Velasco; Certificate of Service Regarding Appellee/Party-in-Interest HGPL's Motion to Enforce ARCAP 14 Word Limits and to Require a Compliant Opening Brief by Felipe Velasco (Intervenor)
25.	11-Mar-2026	FILED: Motion for Procedural Order to Allow the Velasco's Opening Brief to Exceed ARCAP 14(A)(1)'S Limits; Certificate of Service for Motion for Procedural Order to Allow the Velasco's Opening Brief to Exceed ARCAP 14(A)(1)'S Limits (Appellees/Appellants)
26.	12-Mar-2026	RECEIPT No.: 2026-00328 ; \$165.00, Authorization: #71004465433, Applied to: HYMSON GOLDSTEIN PANTILIAT & LOHR, PLLC - Class B Filing Fee (\$165.00) Paid for: Hymson Goldstein Pantiliat & Lohr PLLC - By nCourt LLC
27.	12-Mar-2026	FILED: Hymson Goldstein Pantiliat & Lohr and John Lohr, Jr's Motion to Intervene or, in the Alternative, Motion for Leave to Appear as Parties in Interest and File a Separate Answering Brief Limited to Issues Seeking Sanctions of Liability Against Them; Certification of Service Regarding Hymson Goldstein Pantiliat & Lohr and John Lohr, Jr's Motion to Intervene or, in the Alternative, Motion for Leave to Appear as Parties in Interest and File a Separate Answering Brief Limited to Issues Seeking Sanctions of Liability Against Them; (Proposed) Order Regarding Motion to Intervene (Intervenor)
28.	12-Mar-2026	FILED: Response to Motion to Intervene and to the Alternative Motion for Leave to Appear as Parties in Interest; Certificate of Service (Appellant Kitaguchi)
29.	17-Mar-2026	FILED: Response to HGPL's Motion for Procedural Order to Intervene or for Leave to Appear as a Real Party-In Interest; Certificate of Service for Response to HGPL's Motion for Procedural Order to Intervene or for Leave to Appear as a Real Party-In Interest (Appellee/Appellant)

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30. 30-Mar-2026 ORDERED: Hymson Goldstein Pantiliat & Lohr and John Lohr, Jr's Motion to Intervene or, in the Alternative, Motion for Leave to Appear as Parties in Interest and File a Separate Answering Brief Limited to Issues Seeking Sanctions of Liability Against Them (Intervenor) = GRANTED. FURTHER ORDERED: Amending the caption in this appeal by adding Hymson Goldstein Pantiliat & Lohr, PLLC and John L. Lohr, Jr. as an intervenors/appellees. All future documents filed in this appeal must use the caption shown on this order. FURTHER ORDERED: Appellee/Party-in-Interest HGPL's Motion to Enforce ARCAP 14 Word Limits and to Require a Compliant Opening Brief by Felipe Velasco (Intervenor) = DENIED. FURTHER ORDERED: Motion for Procedural Order to Allow the Velasco's Opening Brief to Exceed ARCAP 14(A)(1)'S Limits (Appellees/Appellants) = GRANTED and accepting defendants/appellants' opening brief filed on 03/04/2026. See ARCAP 14(a). FURTHER ORDERED: All answering briefs shall be due 04/27/2026. If the briefs are not filed timely, the court will submit this appeal for decision on the record and the filed briefs. Hon Randall M Howe - Author
31. 27-Apr-2026 FILED: Intervenor/Appellee HGPL's Unopposed Motion for Procedural Order for Extension of Time to File Answering Brief; Certificate of Service Regarding HGPL's Unopposed Motion for Procedural Order for Extension of Time to File Answering Brief (Appellee HGPL)
32. 27-Apr-2026 ORDERED: Intervenor/Appellee HGPL's Unopposed Motion for Procedural Order for Extension of Time to File Answering Brief (Appellee HGPL) = GRANTED. Due date EXTENDED from Monday, 04-27-2026 to Monday, 05-11-2026. The court will not grant any further extension absent new and unforeseen circumstances. If the briefs are not timely filed, the court will submit this appeal for decision on the record and the filed briefs. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
33. 5-May-2026 FILED: Intervenor Hymson Goldstein Pantiliat & Lohr, PLLC'S Answering Brief; Certificate Of Compliance Regarding Intervenor Hymson Goldstein Pantiliat & Lohr, PLLC'S Answering Brief; Certificate Of Service Regarding Intervenor Hymson Goldstein Pantiliat & Lohr, PLLC'S Answering Brief (Intervenor/Appellee)
34. 10-May-2026 FILED: Answering Brief of Terry Kitaguchi to the Velascos' Opening Brief; Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service (Appellant/Appellee)
35. 11-May-2026 FILED: Appellees Velascos' Answering Brief to Kitaguchi's Opening Brief; Appellees Velasco's Certificate of Compliance for Answering Brief; Certification of Service of Appellees Velascos' Answering Brief (Appellees/Appellants)
36. 25-May-2026 FILED: Appellants Velascos' Reply Brief to Kitaguchi and Intervenor Hgpl Answering Briefs; Appellants Velascos' Certificate of Compliance for Reply Brief; Certification of Service of Appellants Velascos' Reply Brief (Appellees/Appellants)
37. 1-Jun-2026 FILED: Reply Brief of Terry Kitaguchi to Appellees Velascos' Answering Brief; Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service (Appellant/Appellee)