

Court of Appeals, Division One

Civil Appeal

1 CA-CV 25-1011

SEARLE v. ALLEN et al.

Appellate Case Information

Case Filed: 12-Dec-2025

Case Closed:

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PENDING MATTER

General Motion

Filed: 12-May-2026

*Appellees' Joint Motion to Bifurcate Briefing and Stay Briefing on the Merits (Appellee Allen)

26 PROCEEDING ENTRIES

- 1. 12-Dec-2025 FILED: Index of Record, Notice of Appeal filed in the Superior Court of Maricopa County 11/14/25
2. 12-Dec-2025 FILED: Record on Appeal: Combined Instruments/Minute Entries Exhibits: None
3. 16-Dec-2025 FILED: Appellate Clerk Notice re: Appellant's Fee/Case Management Statement/Brief Due
4. 24-Dec-2025 RECEIPT No.: 2025-01406 ; \$330.00, Check Number: #1457, Applied to: SEARLE - Class A Filing Fee (\$330.00) Paid for: - By Mountain States Legal Foundation
5. 5-Jan-2026 FILED: Case Management Statement (Appellant)
6. 5-Jan-2026 FILED: Certificate of Service (Appellant)
7. 15-Jan-2026 ORDERED: (per Sorensen v. Farmers) staying appeal until 02/17/2026, re-vesting 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 02/17/2026, appellant must file motion to continue stay of appeal that describes status of matter. Otherwise, this court will dismiss 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 Rule 54(b) or (c) judgment. FURTHER ORDERED: The opening brief is due by 03/19/2026. If brief not timely filed, court will dismiss this appeal. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
8. 9-Feb-2026 FILED: Unopposed Motion to Continue the Stay of the Appeal and Briefing Schedule; Certificate of Service (Appellee)

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9. 13-Feb-2026 ORDERED: Unopposed Motion to Continue the Stay of the Appeal and Briefing Schedule (Appellee) = GRANTED and continuing the stay of this appeal until 03/16/2026, for the purposes set forth in this court's 01/15/2026 stay order. 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 Rule 54(b) or (c) judgment. FURTHER ORDERED: The stay will be lifted automatically on 03/17/2026, unless before that date appellant files a motion to continue the stay. If appellant does not file a motion to continue the stay and the superior court has not entered a signed Rule 54(b) or (c) judgment, this court will dismiss this appeal. FURTHER ORDERED: The opening brief is due by 04/16/2026. If the brief is not timely filed, this court will dismiss this appeal. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
10. 13-Feb-2026 FILED: Notice of Substitution; Certificate of Service (Appellant)
11. 17-Feb-2026 ORDERED: Notice of Substitution (Appellant) = GRANTED and substituting Grant H. Frazier and Dustin D. Romney of Frazier Law, PLLC, as counsel for appellant in place of Veronica Lucero. Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
12. 27-Feb-2026 FILED: Supplemented Superior Court e-Record with Revised Index of Record[Includes ME 2/17/2026 rule 54(c) Ruling]
13. 24-Mar-2026 FILED: Appellate Clerk Notice re: Appellee Allen Exempt/Appellees Arapaho/American Fee Due; Appellant's Brief Due
14. 30-Mar-2026 FILED: Settlement Conference Program Notice
15. 31-Mar-2026 FILED: Notice of Payment of Filing Fee (Appellee American/Arapaho)
16. 31-Mar-2026 FILED: Certificate of Service (Appellee American/Arapaho)
17. 6-Apr-2026 RECEIPT No.: 2026-00444 ; \$165.00, Authorization: #96016017296, Applied to: ARAPAHO/AMERICAN - Class B Filing Fee (\$165.00) Paid for: Hymson Goldstein Pantiliat & Lohr PLLC - By nCourt LLC
18. 16-Apr-2026 FILED: Appellant's Opening Brief; Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service (Appellant)
19. 16-Apr-2026 FILED: Appellant's Appendix (Pg. 1-233) (Appellant)
20. 16-Apr-2026 FILED: Appellant's Appendix (Pg. 234-465) (Appellant)
21. 12-May-2026 FILED: Notice of Appearance; Certificate of Service of Notice of Appearance (Appellee)
22. 12-May-2026 FILED: Appellees' Joint First Motion For Procedural Order To Stay Briefing Schedule Pending Ruling On Motion To Bifurcate; Certificate of Service re: Motion to Stay Briefing (Appellee Allen)
23. 12-May-2026 FILED: Appellees' Joint Motion to Bifurcate Briefing and Stay Briefing on the Merits; Certificate of Service Re: Motion to Bifurcate (Appellee Allen)
24. 13-May-2026 ORDERED: Granting the motion and vacating the 05/26/2026 due date for the answering briefs. The order ruling on the pending motion to bifurcate will address the briefing schedule Melina Brill ProTem Judge - Author
25. 21-May-2026 FILED: Appellant's Response to Appellees' Joint Motion to Bifurcate Briefing; Certificate of Service; County Defendant's Response to Plaintiff's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment on Liability (DKT. 97); County Defendants' Sur-Reply in Support of County Defendants' Supplemental Briefing in Relation to the Viability of Claims (Appellant)
26. 29-May-2026 FILED: Appellees' Reply Supporting Motion to Bifurcate Briefing and Stay Briefing on the Merits; Certificate of Service Re: Appellees' Reply Supporting Motion to Bifurcate Briefing and Stay Briefing on the Merits (Appellee)