

**Court of Appeals, Division One**

**Juvenile**

**1 CA-JV 25-0030**

**IN RE TERM OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AS TO S.C.**

**Appellate Case Information**

Case Filed: 5-Mar-2025  
Case Closed:

**Dept/Composition**

**Department B**

Hon. Michael S Catlett  
Hon. Angela K Paton  
Hon. Jennifer M Perkins

**Side 1. AARON C., Appellant**

(Litigant Group) AARON C.

- Aaron C.

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**Advisory Counsel for: Appellant**

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**Side 2. AGAPE ADOPTION AGENCY OF ARIZONA, INC, S.C., Appellee**

(Litigant Group) AGAPE ADOPTION AGENCY OF ARIZONA, INC

- Agape Adoption Agency of Arizona, Inc

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**CASE STATUS**

Mar 20, 2026....Pending in ASC

PREDECESSOR CASE (S)	Cause/Charge/Class	Judgment/Sentence	Judge, Role <Comments>	Trial	Dispo
MAR JS22201	Termination of Parental Rights		Thomas Marquoit, Authoring Judge of Order		

**DESCENDENT CASE (S)**

ASC CV-26-0088-PR

**CASE DECISION**

**18-Feb-2026 MEMORANDUM DECISION**

Jennifer Perkins.....Author  
Michael Catlett.....Concur  
Angela Paton.....Concur

Filed: **18-Feb-2026**

Mandate:

Decision Disposition

***Affirmed***

**43 PROCEEDING ENTRIES**

- 5-Mar-2025 FILED: Notice of Appeal from Maricopa County Superior Court filed 03/04/2025 and Notification of Notice of Appeal Filed
- 6-Mar-2025 FILED: Appellate Clerk Notice (606(b))
- 21-Mar-2025 FILED: E-Record on Appeal: JS22201  
Instrument/Minute Entries: Combined  
Exhibits: None
- 27-Mar-2025 FILED: Motion to Order Transcript; Certificate of Service Re: Motion to Order Transcript (Appellant)
- 28-Mar-2025 ORDERED: Motion to Order Transcript (Appellant) = GRANTED in part/ directing the clerk of the court to file the 07/08/2024 oral argument transcript in 1 CA-JV 24-0123 into this appeal. Steven C Lawrence ProTem Judge - Author
- 28-Mar-2025 FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 07/08/2024 - Transcript of Proceedings (Tammera Williams)
- 7-Apr-2025 ORDERED: Court reporter coordinator Kenneth N. Crenshaw shall appear before this court on Wednesday, 04/16/2025, at 2:30 p.m. for failure to file the above-specified transcript and to show cause, if any exist, why he should not be held in civil contempt and fined and/or sanctioned until the transcript is filed. Steven C Lawrence ProTem Judge - Author
- 15-Apr-2025 FILED: Motion to Extend Time to File Transcripts (Kenneth N. Crenshaw)

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9. 16-Apr-2025 ORDERED: Motion to Extend Time to File Transcripts (Kenneth N. Crenshaw) = GRANTED/ directing court reporter coordinator Kenneth N. Crenshaw to file by 05/07/2025 the transcript of the proceedings held on 02/19/2025. The court grants this 30-day extension from the date of its 04/07/2025 order. FURTHER ORDERED: Vacating the order to show cause hearing that is currently set for 04/16/2025. FURTHER ORDERED: Court reporter coordinator Kenneth N. Crenshaw shall appear before this court on Wednesday, 05/21/2025, at 2:30 p.m. for failure to file the above-specified transcript and to show cause, if any exist, why he should not be held in civil contempt and fined and/or sanctioned until the transcript is filed. Patrick Philippe Lacroix ProTem Judge - Author
10. 14-May-2025 FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 02/19/2025 - Continued Initial Severance Hearing (Kanchan Mutreja)
11. 15-May-2025 FILED: Notice of Completion of Record
12. 6-Jun-2025 FILED: Motion to Dismiss Appeal; Certificate of Service (Appellee)
13. 16-Jun-2025 FILED: Response to Motion to Dismiss Appeal; Certificate of Service re: Response to Motion to Dismiss Appeal (Appellant)
14. 17-Jun-2025 FILED: Reply in Support of Motion to Dismiss Appeal; Certificate of Service (Appellee)
15. 20-Jun-2025 ORDERED: Motion to Dismiss Appeal (Appellee) = DENIED. FURTHER ORDERED: The opening brief is due by 07/21/2025. FURTHER ORDERED: If appellant chooses not to pursue this appeal, appellant's counsel must file a notice stating so within five business days. Hon David B Gass - Author
16. 21-Jul-2025 FILED: Motion to Extend Time; Certificate of Service re: Motion to Extend Time (Appellant)
17. 22-Jul-2025 ORDERED: Motion to Extend Time (Appellant) = GRANTED. Due date EXTENDED from Monday, 07-21-2025 to Thursday, 09-04-2025. The court will not grant any further extension absent new extraordinary circumstances. Steven C Lawrence ProTem Judge - Author
18. 24-Aug-2025 FILED: Motion to Withdraw and Extend Time; Certificate of Service Re: Motion to Withdraw and Extend Time (Appellant)
19. 25-Aug-2025 ORDERED: Motion to Withdraw and Extend Time (Appellant) = GRANTED. FURTHER ORDERED: Granting the motion to extend time to file the opening brief in part and extending the time to file the opening brief from 09/04/2025 to 09/19/2025. FURTHER ORDERED: No further extensions will be granted. If the brief is not timely filed, the court will dismiss this appeal. Steven C Lawrence ProTem Judge - Author
20. 15-Sep-2025 FILED: Untitled (Motion to Appoint Appellate Counsel) (Appellant Pro Per)
21. 16-Sep-2025 ORDERED: Staying this appeal until 10/16/2025. FURTHER ORDERED: Referring the request for appointment of counsel on appeal to the Maricopa County Superior Court and authorizing that court to rule on the motion expeditiously. FURTHER ORDERED: The clerk of the superior court must transmit a certified copy of the ruling to this court by 10/16/2025. FURTHER ORDERED: On this court's own motion extending the time for filing the opening brief from 09/19/2025 to 11/10/2025. Steven C Lawrence ProTem Judge - Author
22. 18-Sep-2025 FILED: Opening Brief of Appellant Aaron Cortez (Appellant Pro Per)  
[Stricken per order filed 09/19/2025]
23. 19-Sep-2025 ORDERED: Striking the opening brief filed on 09/19/2025. Steven C Lawrence ProTem Judge - Author
24. 22-Sep-2025 FILED: Opening Brief (Appellant Pro Per)  
[Stricken per order filed 09/24/2025]
25. 24-Sep-2025 ORDERED: Striking the second pro se opening brief filed on 09/22/2025. Steven C Lawrence ProTem Judge - Author
26. 29-Sep-2025 FILED: Supplemented Superior Court e-Record with Revised Index of Record (JS22201)
27. 16-Oct-2025 FILED: Notice and Avowal in Lieu of Opening Brief; Certificate of Service (Appellant)
28. 17-Oct-2025 ORDERED: Appellant Aaron C. may file an opening brief by 11/03/2025. See Ariz. R. Juv. Ct. P. 607(e)(3). FURTHER ORDERED: If appellant Aaron C. does not timely file an opening brief, the court will dismiss this appeal based on counsel's notice under Rule 607(e)(4). FURTHER ORDERED: Robert D. Rosanelli remains appointed, but only as appellant's advisory counsel. Steven C Lawrence ProTem Judge - Author
29. 6-Nov-2025 FILED: Appellant's Opening Brief (Appellant Pro Per)
30. 28-Nov-2025 FILED: Answering Brief of Agape Adoption Agency of Arizona, Inc.; Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service (Appellee)
31. 26-Dec-2025 CLNDR: CONFERENCE, Department B, 2-10-26, COURTROOM 1.
32. 9-Jan-2026 FILED: Motion to Extend Time (Appellant Pro Per)
33. 9-Jan-2026 FILED: Notice of Change of Address (Appellant Pro Per)
34. 12-Jan-2026 FILED: Memorandum – to Clerk of Superior Court Re: any additional record not already transmitted due within 10 days

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| 35. | 13-Jan-2026 | ORDERED: Motion to Extend Time (Appellant Pro Per) = GRANTED/ extending the deadline to file a reply brief to 01/23/2026. No further extension will be granted absent good cause. Hon Michael S Catlett - Author |
| 36. | 22-Jan-2026 | FILED: Supplemented Superior Court e-Record with Revised Index of Record (JS22201)   |
| 37. | 22-Jan-2026 | FILED: Reply Brief of Appellant Aaron Cortez (Appellant Pro Per)   |
| 38. | 18-Feb-2026 | MEMORANDUM DECISION (Affirmed) Hon Jennifer M Perkins - Author; Hon Michael S Catlett - Concur; Hon Angela K Paton - Concur  |
| 39. | 18-Feb-2026 | FILED: Decision Distribution Notification  |
| 40. | 18-Feb-2026 | FILED: Notice of Juvenile Rule 609   |
| 41. | 27-Feb-2026 | FILED: Notice of Intent to File Petition for Review  |
| 42. | 23-Mar-2026 | FILED: Email Notice from ASC re: Petition for Review filed 03/20/2026; request for partial record  |
| 43. | 26-Mar-2026 | FILED: Letter forwarding partial record to Arizona Supreme Court   |