

Court of Appeals, Division One

Juvenile

1 CA-JV 25-0138

IN RE TERM OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AS TO M.M.

Appellate Case Information

Case Filed: 11-Sep-2025

Case Closed:

Dept/Composition

Department E

Hon. Michael J Brown
Hon. Veronika Fabian
Hon. David D Weinzweig

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CASE STATUS

Mar 6, 2026.....Decision Rendered

Table with 6 columns: PREDECESSOR CASE(S), Cause/Charge/Class, Judgment/Sentence, Judge, Role <Comments>, Trial, Dispo. Row 1: MAR, JD534803, Termination of Parental Rights, Suzanne E Cohen, Authoring Judge of Order.

Table with 2 columns: DESCENDENT CASE(S), Cause/Charge/Class. Row 1: ASC, CV-26-0103-PR.

OPEN DUE DATE

Petition for Review to ASC Due

Due By:

Monday, June 22, 2026

[1 extension]

Re: MEMORANDUM DECISION (Vacated, Remanded) Hon David D Weinzweig - Author; Hon Michael J Brown - Concur; Hon Veronika Fabian - Concur

CASE DECISION

06-Mar-2026 MEMORANDUM DECISION

David Weinzweig.....Author
Michael Brown.....Concur
Veronika Fabian.....Concur

Filed: 06-Mar-2026

Mandate:

Table with 1 column: Decision Disposition. Content: Vacated, Remanded.

32 PROCEEDING ENTRIES

- 1. 11-Sep-2025 FILED: Notice of Appeal from Maricopa County Superior Court filed 09/09/2025 and Notification of Notice of Appeal Filed
2. 11-Sep-2025 FILED: Appellate Clerk Notice (606(b))
3. 23-Sep-2025 FILED: DCS's Notice of Change of Counsel; DCS's Certificate of Service for Notice of Change of Counsel (Appellee DCS)
4. 26-Sep-2025 FILED: E-Record on Appeal: JD534803 Instrument/Minute Entries: Combined Exhibits: Hearing Date: 01/19/2023 - LIST # E1 Hearing Date: 02/17/2023 - LIST # E1 Hearing Date: 10/01/2024 - LIST # E1 Hearing Date: 02/05/2025 - LIST # E1 E2 Hearing Date: 08/26/2025 - LIST # E1 E2 E3 E4 E5 E6 E7 E8 E9 E10 E11 E12 E13 E14 E14 E15 E16 E17 E18 E19 E20 E21 E22 E23

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5.	7-Oct-2025	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 06/16/2025 - Transcript of Proceedings (Amber Ho)
6.	7-Oct-2025	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 08/05/2025 - Transcript of Proceedings (Amber Ho)
7.	7-Oct-2025	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 08/26/2025 - Transcript of Proceedings (Amber Ho)
8.	7-Oct-2025	FILED: Notice of Completion of Record
9.	16-Oct-2025	FILED: Appellant James M.'s Motion for a Procedural Order for a 15-day Extension of Time to File Opening Brief; Certificate of Service (Appellant)
10.	16-Oct-2025	ORDERED: Appellant James M.'s Motion for a Procedural Order for a 15-day Extension of Time to File Opening Brief (Appellant) = GRANTED. Due date EXTENDED from Monday, 10-27-2025 to Wednesday, 11-12-2025. Patrick Philippe Lacroix ProTem Judge - Author
11.	12-Nov-2025	FILED: Appellant James M.'s Opening Brief; Certificate of Compliance for Appellant James M.'s Opening Brief; Certificate of Service (Appellant)
12.	14-Nov-2025	FILED: DCS's Motion to Extend Due Date for Answering Brief (Motion for a Procedural Order); DCS's Certificate of Service for Motion to Extend Due Date for Answering Brief (Motion for a Procedural Order) (Appellee DCS)
13.	14-Nov-2025	ORDERED: DCS's Motion to Extend Due Date for Answering Brief (Appellee DCS) = GRANTED. Due date EXTENDED from Tuesday, 12-02-2025 to Monday, 12-22-2025. The court will not grant any further extension absent extraordinary circumstances. Patrick Philippe Lacroix ProTem Judge - Author
14.	19-Nov-2025	FILED: DCS's Notice of Change of Counsel; DCS's Certificate of Service for Notice of Change of Counsel (Appellee DCS)
15.	22-Dec-2025	FILED: Appellee Department of Child Safety's Answering Brief; DCS's Certificate of Compliance for Answering Brief; DCS' Certificate of Service for Answering Brief (Appellee DCS)
16.	22-Dec-2025	FILED: DCS's Motion to Exceed Word Limit; DCS's Motion to Exceed Word Limit Certificate of Service (Motion for a Procedural Order) (Appellee DCS)
17.	23-Dec-2025	ORDERED: DCS's Motion to Exceed Word Limit (Appellee DCS) = GRANTED/ accepting DCS's answering brief filed on 12/22/2025. See Arizona Rules of Procedure for the Juvenile Court 607(b) and 608(b)(4). Patrick Philippe Lacroix ProTem Judge - Author
18.	26-Dec-2025	CLNDR: CONFERENCE, Department E, 2-19-26, COURTROOM 2.
19.	15-Jan-2026	FILED: Memorandum – to Clerk of Superior Court Re: any additional record not already transmitted due within 10 days
20.	23-Jan-2026	FILED: Supplemented Superior Court e-Record with Revised Index of Record (JD534803)
21.	6-Mar-2026	MEMORANDUM DECISION (Vacated, Remanded) Hon David D Weinzweig - Author; Hon Michael J Brown - Concur; Hon Veronika Fabian - Concur
22.	6-Mar-2026	FILED: Decision Distribution Notification
23.	6-Mar-2026	FILED: Notice of Juvenile Rule 609
24.	14-Mar-2026	FILED: Appellant's Motion for Publication; Certificate of Service (Appellant)
25.	17-Mar-2026	ORDERED: Appellant's Motion for Publication (Appellant) = DENIED. Hon David D Weinzweig - Author
26.	23-Mar-2026	FILED: Notice of Intent to File a Petition for Review; DCS's Certificate of Service (Appellee DCS)
27.	6-Apr-2026	FILED: ASC Order filed 04/06/2026 re: granting the motion and staying the deadline to file a petition for review. FURTHER ORDERED: Parties shall file a status report with the Court.
28.	7-Apr-2026	FILED: ASC Order filed 04/07/2026 re: denying the motion for extension of time to file a petition for review as moot.
29.	15-Apr-2026	FILED: DCS's Motion for Clarification; DCS's Certificate of Service for Motion for Clarification (Appellee DCS)
30.	1-May-2026	FILED: Notice of Appearance for Appellee Placement; Appellee's Certificate of Service (Appellee Confidential Placement)
31.	28-May-2026	ORDERED: DCS's Motion for Clarification (Appellee DCS) = DENIED. Hon David D Weinzweig - Author
32.	1-Jun-2026	FILED: ASC Order filed 06/01/2026 re: granting the Motion to Reinstate the Petition for Review and Set a Due Date for DCS to File Its Petition for Review. FURTHER ORDERED: DCS shall file its Petition for Review no later than 06/22/2026.