

Court of Appeals, Division One

Juvenile

1 CA-JV 25-0146

IN RE DEPENDENCY AS TO A.O.

Appellate Case Information

Case Filed: 29-Sep-2025

Case Closed:

Dept/Composition

Department B

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

Side 1. LEAH M., ASHLEY P., Appellant

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- Leah M.

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Side 2. RICHARD O., A.O., Appellee

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CASE STATUS

Apr 30, 2026.... Decision Rendered

PREDECESSOR CASE (S)

Table with 6 columns: Cause/Charge/Class, Judgment/Sentence, Judge, Role <Comments>, Trial, Dispo. Row 1: MAR, JD536046, Dependency, Suzanne E Cohen, Authoring Judge of Order.

DESCENDENT CASE (S)

ASC CV-26-0168-PR

OPEN DUE DATE

Petition for Review to ASC Due

Due By:

Monday, June 1, 2026

Re: MEMORANDUM DECISION (Affirmed) Hon Michael S Catlett - Author; Hon Angela K Paton - Concur; Hon Jennifer M Perkins - Concur

CASE DECISION

30-Apr-2026 MEMORANDUM DECISION

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

Filed: 30-Apr-2026

Mandate:

Decision Disposition

Affirmed

44 PROCEEDING ENTRIES

- 1. 29-Sep-2025 FILED: Notice of Appeal from Maricopa County Superior Court filed 09/24/2025 and Notification of Notice of Appeal Filed (Leah M.)
2. 29-Sep-2025 FILED: Notice of Appeal from Maricopa County Superior Court filed 09/25/2025 and Notification of Notice of Appeal Filed (Ashley P.)
3. 2-Oct-2025 FILED: Appellate Clerk Notice (606(b))
4. 14-Oct-2025 FILED: E-Record on Appeal: JD536046 Instrument/Minute Entries: Combined Exhibits: Hearing Date: 08/06/2025 - LIST # E1 E2 E4 E5 E6 E7 E9 E10 E11 E12 E13 E14 E15 E18 E19 E20 E21 E22 E23 E24 E25 E26 E27 E28 E29 E30 E31 E33 E36 E38 E49 E50
5. 14-Oct-2025 FILED: Additional Record on Appeal: JD536046 Physical Exhibits Hearing Date: 08/06/2025 - LIST # 44 46
6. 24-Oct-2025 FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 04/10/2025 - Initial Dependency Hearing (Jose Begaso)

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7.	24-Oct-2025	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 04/30/2025 - (Continued) Initial Dependency Hearing Dependency Contested as to Father (Jose Begaso)
8.	24-Oct-2025	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 06/11/2025 - Pretrial Conference Hearing (Continued) (Jose Begaso)
9.	24-Oct-2025	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 08/04/2025 - Status Conference (Jose Begaso)
10.	24-Oct-2025	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 08/06/2025 - Dependency Adjudication/Evidentiary Hearing (Day 1) (Victoria Begaso)
11.	24-Oct-2025	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 08/07/2025 - Dependency Adjudication Evidentiary Hearing (Jose Begaso)
12.	24-Oct-2025	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 08/15/2025 - Dependency Adjudication/Evidentiary Hearing (Day 3) (Victoria Begaso)
13.	27-Oct-2025	FILED: Notice of Completion of Record
14.	17-Nov-2025	FILED: Appellant's Opening Brief or, Alternatively, Petition for Special Action; Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service (Appellant Leah M.) [Stricken per order filed 11/19/2025]
15.	17-Nov-2025	FILED: Appellant's Opening Brief Or, Should the Court Accept Jurisdiction, Petition for Special Action; Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service; Untitled (Exhibit 4) (Appellant Ashley P. Pro Per) [Stricken per order filed 11/19/2025]
16.	17-Nov-2025	FILED: Appendix to Opening Brief; Exhibit A1; Untitled (Exhibit 2); Exhibit A2 (Appellant Ashley P. Pro Per) [Stricken per order filed 11/19/2025]
17.	17-Nov-2025	FILED: Certificate of Compliance (Duplicate); Certificate of Service (Duplicate); Untitled (Exhibit 5); Untitled (Exhibit 6) (Appellant Ashley P. Pro Per) [Stricken per order filed 11/19/2025]
18.	19-Nov-2025	ORDERED: Striking the opening briefs filed by appellant Leah M. and Ashley P. on 11/17/2025. FURTHER ORDERED: Allowing appellants until 12/04/2025, to file replacement briefs that do not exceed the length permitted by Arizona Rule of Procedure for the Juvenile Court 607(b). Patrick Philippe Lacroix ProTem Judge - Author
19.	19-Nov-2025	FILED: Appellant's Amended Opening Brief or, Alternatively, Petition for Special Action; Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service (Appellant Leah M.)
20.	24-Nov-2025	FILED: Appellant's Opening Brief or, Should the Court Accept Jurisdiction, Petition for Special Action; Exhibit A1; Exhibit 2; Exhibit A2 (Appellant Ashley P. Pro Per) [Stricken per order filed 11/26/2025]
21.	24-Nov-2025	FILED: Appendix to Opening Brief; Untitled (Exhibit 4); Untitled (Exhibit 5); Untitled (Exhibit 6) (Appellant Ashley P. Pro Per) [Stricken per order filed 11/26/2025]
22.	24-Nov-2025	FILED: Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service (Appellant Ashley P. Pro Per) [Stricken per order filed 11/26/2025]
23.	26-Nov-2025	ORDERED: Striking the opening brief, appendix, and all exhibits filed by appellant Ashley P. on 11/24/2025. FURTHER ORDERED: Allowing appellant Ashley P. until 12/05/2025, to file a brief that complies with the Arizona Rules of Procedure for the Juvenile Court and the Arizona Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure. FURTHER ORDERED: Vacating the answering brief due dates. No briefs will be due until further order. Patrick Philippe Lacroix ProTem Judge - Author
24.	26-Nov-2025	FILED: Appellant's Opening Brief or Should the Court Accept Jurisdiction, Petition for Special Action; Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service (Appellant Ashley P. Pro Per)
25.	28-Nov-2025	ORDERED: Answering briefs are due by 12/18/2025. Steven C Lawrence ProTem Judge - Author
26.	1-Dec-2025	FILED: Child's Notice of Change of Counsel; Child's Certificate of Service for Notice of Change of Counsel (Appellee Child)
27.	12-Dec-2025	FILED: Motion for Procedural Order for Extension of Time to File Answering Brief; Child's Certificate of Service (Appellee Child)
28.	15-Dec-2025	ORDERED: Motion for Procedural Order for Extension of Time to File Answering Brief (Appellee Child) = GRANTED. Due date EXTENDED from Thursday, 12-18-2025 to Wednesday, 01-07-2026. The court will not grant any further extension absent extraordinary circumstances. Patrick Philippe Lacroix ProTem Judge - Author
29.	18-Dec-2025	FILED: Response Brief of Appellee, Richard O.; Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service (Appellee)
30.	5-Jan-2026	FILED: Unopposed and Expedited Motion for Procedural Order to Extend Filing Deadline for Appellant's Reply Brief to Father's Answering Brief; Certificate of Service (Appellant Leah M.)

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31.	5-Jan-2026	FILED: Unopposed Motion for Procedural Order to File One Consolidated/Combined Reply Brief to Both Appellees' Answering Briefs; Certificate of Service (Appellant Leah M.)
32.	5-Jan-2026	FILED: Separate Joinder to Appellant/Grandmother's Unopposed Motions Re Filing Deadline Extension and Consolidated Reply Brief; Certificate of Service (Appellant Ashley P. Pro Per)
33.	7-Jan-2026	ORDERED: Unopposed and Expedited Motion for Procedural Order to Extend Filing Deadline for Appellant's Reply Brief to Father's Answering Brief and Unopposed Motion for Procedural Order to File One Consolidated/Combined Reply Brief to Both Appellees' Answering Briefs (Appellant Leah M.) = GRANTED in part/ extending the deadline to file a consolidated reply brief to 01/20/2026. Patrick Philippe Lacroix ProTem Judge - Author
34.	7-Jan-2026	ORDERED: Separate Joinder to Appellant/Grandmother's Unopposed Motions Re Filing Deadline Extension and Consolidated Reply Brief (Appellant Ashley P. Pro Per) = GRANTED in part/ extending the deadline to file a consolidated reply brief to 01/20/2026. Patrick Philippe Lacroix ProTem Judge - Author
35.	7-Jan-2026	FILED: Child's Answering Brief; Child's Certificate of Compliance; Child's Certificate of Service (Appellee Child)
36.	20-Jan-2026	FILED: Appellant's Consolidated Reply Brief; Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service (Appellant Leah M.)
37.	20-Jan-2026	FILED: Appellant's Consolidated Reply Brief; Certificate of Service (Appellant Ashley P. Pro Per)
38.	20-Jan-2026	FILED: Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service (Appellant Ashley P. Pro Per)
39.	26-Jan-2026	CLNDR: CONFERENCE, Department B, 3-31-26, COURTROOM 1.
40.	30-Apr-2026	MEMORANDUM DECISION (Affirmed) Hon Michael S Catlett - Author; Hon Angela K Paton - Concur; Hon Jennifer M Perkins - Concur
41.	30-Apr-2026	FILED: Decision Distribution Notification
42.	30-Apr-2026	FILED: Notice of Juvenile Rule 609
43.	12-May-2026	FILED: Notice of Intent to File Petition for Review; Certificate of Service (Appellant Leah M.)
44.	14-May-2026	FILED: Appellant's Notice of Intent to File Petition for Review; Appellant's Certificate of Service (Appellant Ashley P. Pro Per)