

Court of Appeals, Division One

Juvenile

1 CA-JV 26-0033

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

Appellate Case Information

Case Filed: 5-Mar-2026

Case Closed:

Dept/Composition

Side 1. DENROY C., DIAMOND H., Appellant

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CASE STATUS

Mar 25, 2026....Record Complete-Notice Completion Sent

Table with 6 columns: PREDECESSOR CASE (S), Cause/Charge/Class, Judgment/Sentence, Judge, Role <Comments>, Trial, Dispo. Row 1: MAR, JD31472, Termination of Parental Rights, Suzanne E Cohen, Authoring Judge of Order.

2 OPEN DUE DATES

Opening Brief Due Due By: Monday, June 15, 2026

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Opening Brief Due Due By: Tuesday, June 23, 2026

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37 PROCEEDING ENTRIES

- 1. 5-Mar-2026 FILED: Notice of Appeal from Maricopa County Superior Court filed 03/03/2026 and Notification of Notice of Appeal Filed (Denroy C.)
2. 5-Mar-2026 FILED: Appellate Clerk Notice (606(b))
3. 6-Mar-2026 FILED: DCS's Notice of Change of Counsel; DCS's Certificate of Service for Notice of Change of Counsel (Appellee DCS)
4. 17-Mar-2026 FILED: Notice of Appeal from Maricopa County Superior Court filed 03/12/2026 and Notification of Notice of Appeal Filed (Diamond H.)
5. 20-Mar-2026 FILED: E-Record on Appeal: JD31472 Instrument/Minute Entries: Combined Exhibits: Hearing Date: 09/20/2021 - LIST # E1 E2 E3 E5 E6 E7 E8 E9 E10 E11 E12 E13 E14 E15 E16 E17 E18 E19 E20 E21 E22 E23 E24 E25 Hearing Date: 04/08/2024 - LIST # E16 E17 E18 E59 Hearing Date: 01/22/2026 - LIST # E1 E2 E3 E4 E5 E6 E7 E10 E11 E12 E13 E14 E15 E16 E17 E18 E19 E20 E21 E22 E23 E24 E25 E26 E27 E28 E29 E30 E31 E32 E33 E34 E35 E36 E37 E38 E39 E40 E41 E42 E43 E44 E45 E46 E47 E48 E49 E50 E51 E52 E53 E54 E55 E56 E57 E58 E59 E60 E61 E62 E63 E64 E65 E66 E67 E68 E69 E70 E71 E72 E73 E74 E75 E76 E77 E78 E79 E80 E81 E82 E83 E84 E85 E86 E87 E88 E89 E90 E91 E92 E93 E94 E95 E96 E98 E99 E100 E101 E104 E106
6. 24-Mar-2026 FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 02/03/2026 - Contested Severance Hearing Day 5 Hearing Continued (Joseph Wanjiru)
7. 25-Mar-2026 FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 01/22/2026 - Contested Severance Hearing Day 1 Hearing Continued (Janine Claassen)
8. 25-Mar-2026 FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 01/26/2026 - Contested Severance Hearing Day 2 Hearing Continued (Donna Boyd)
9. 25-Mar-2026 FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 01/27/2026 - Severance Hearing Severance Contested Hearing Continued (Lara Greeff)

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10.	25-Mar-2026	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 01/28/2026 - Contested Severance Hearing Hearing Continued (West Kamau)
11.	25-Mar-2026	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 02/09/2026 - Continued Severance Hearing Day 6 Matter Under Advisement (Kennedy Mutisya)
12.	25-Mar-2026	FILED: Notice of Completion of Record
13.	30-Mar-2026	FILED: Appellant Diamond H.'s Motion to Vacate Briefing Schedule (Motion for a Procedural Order); Certificate of Service for Appellant's Motion to Vacate Briefing Schedule (Appellant Diamond H.)
14.	1-Apr-2026	ORDERED: Appellant Diamond H.'s Motion to Vacate Briefing Schedule (Appellant Diamond H.) = GRANTED/ directing court reporter coordinator Paula Collins to prepare an original and two copies of the transcripts of the proceedings held on 06/01/2023, 08/10/2023, 10/16/2023, 10/31/2023, 01/08/2024, 02/26/2024, 04/08/2024, 06/10/2024, 09/10/2024, 01/09/2025, 03/20/2025, 05/21/2025, 07/29/2025, 09/18/2025, and 01/15/2026; and to provide by 05/01/2026, the copies to all counsel of record and the original to the clerk of this court, marked for filing in this appeal. FURTHER ORDERED: Vacating the opening brief due dates. No briefs will be due until further order. Patrick Philippe Lacroix ProTem Judge - Author
15.	15-Apr-2026	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 08/10/2023 - Pretrial Conference Hearing Contested Dependency Adjudication Affirmed Continued Initial Dependency Hearing Dependency Publication Hearing Accelerated Permanency Planning Hearing (JD31472) Pretrial Conference Hearing Contested Severance Hearing Affirmed Continued Initial Severance Hearing Severance Publication Hearing (JS21638) (Janine Claassen)
16.	15-Apr-2026	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 10/16/2023 - Pretrial Conference Hearing Contested Dependency Hearing Affirmed Contested Severance Hearing Affirmed (Nicole Zier)
17.	15-Apr-2026	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 01/08/2024 - Status Conference Dependency Trial Reset (Nicole Zier)
18.	15-Apr-2026	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 02/26/2024 - Pretrial Conference Contested Dependency and Contested Severance Hearings Affirmed Permanency Planning Hearing (Lara Greeff)
19.	15-Apr-2026	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 09/10/2024 - Report and Review Hearing (Nicole Zier)
20.	15-Apr-2026	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 10/06/2024 - Report and Review Hearing (Lara Greeff)
21.	15-Apr-2026	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 01/15/2026 - Report and Review Hearing Pretrial Conference (Janine Claassen)
22.	15-Apr-2026	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 03/20/2025 - Report and Review Hearing (Janine Claassen)
23.	15-Apr-2026	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 06/01/2023 - Oral Argument Motion Denied (Donna Boyd)
24.	15-Apr-2026	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 09/18/2025 - Report and Review Hearing (Maja Steyn)
25.	15-Apr-2026	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 01/09/2025 - Report and Review Hearing (Kennedy Mutisya)
26.	15-Apr-2026	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 07/29/2025 - Report and Review Hearing (Donna Boyd)
27.	15-Apr-2026	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 05/21/2025 - Report and Review Hearing (Lara Greeff)
28.	15-Apr-2026	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 04/08/2024 - Contested Dependency Hearing in JD31472 Dependency Found Contested Severance Hearing in JS21638 Vacated (Nikki Zier)
29.	16-Apr-2026	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 10/31/2023 (Lara Greeff)
30.	5-May-2026	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 06/10/2024 - Report and Review Hearing (Lara Greeff)
31.	5-May-2026	ORDERED: The opening brief is due by 05/26/2026. Patrick Philippe Lacroix ProTem Judge - Author
32.	19-May-2026	FILED: Appellant's Uncontested Motion for Four Week Extension to File Opening Brief; Certificate of Service (Appellant Denroy C.)
33.	19-May-2026	ORDERED: Appellant's Uncontested Motion for Four Week Extension to File Opening Brief (Appellant Denroy C.) = GRANTED. Due date EXTENDED from Tuesday, 05-26-2026 to Tuesday, 06-23-2026. The court will not grant any further extension absent extraordinary circumstances. Patrick Philippe Lacroix ProTem Judge - Author
34.	21-May-2026	FILED: Appellant Diamond H.'s Motion to Vacate Briefing Schedule (Motion for a Procedural Order); Certificate of Service for Appellant's Motion to Vacate Briefing Schedule (Appellant Diamond H.)
35.	21-May-2026	ORDERED: Appellant Diamond H.'s Motion to Vacate Briefing Schedule (Appellant Diamond H.) = DENIED. Patrick Philippe Lacroix ProTem Judge - Author
36.	21-May-2026	FILED: Appellant Diamond H.'s Motion for Procedural Order for Twenty-Day Extension of Time to File Opening Brief; Certificate of Service for Appellant's Motion for Procedural Order for Extension of Time to File Opening Brief (Appellant Diamond H.)
37.	22-May-2026	ORDERED: Appellant Diamond H.'s Motion for Procedural Order for Twenty-Day Extension of Time to File Opening Brief (Appellant Diamond H.) = GRANTED. Due date EXTENDED from Tuesday, 05-26-2026 to Monday, 06-15-2026. The court will not grant any further extension absent extraordinary circumstances. Patrick Philippe Lacroix ProTem Judge - Author