

Court of Appeals, Division One

Juvenile

1 CA-JV 26-0042

IN RE TERM OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AS TO A.D.

Appellate Case Information

Case Filed: 18-Mar-2026

Case Closed:

Dept/Composition

Side 1. BENJAMIN D., Appellant

(Litigant Group) BENJAMIN D.

- Benjamin D.

Advisory Counsel for: Appellant

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Side 2. DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SAFETY, A.D., Appellee

(Litigant Group) DCS

- Department of Child Safety

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CASE STATUS

Mar 30, 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: YAV, S1300JD202300021, Termination of Parental Rights, Anna C Young, Authoring Judge of Order.

OPEN DUE DATE

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

[2 extensions]

Re: FILED: Notice of Completion of Record

PENDING MATTER

General Motion

Filed: 26-May-2026

Affidavit Pursuant to ARPJC 607(e) (Appellant)

12 PROCEEDING ENTRIES

- 1. 18-Mar-2026 FILED: Notice of Appeal from Yavapai County Superior Court filed 03/03/26.
2. 18-Mar-2026 FILED: E-Record on Appeal: S1300JD202300021 Instrument/Minute Entries: Combined Exhibits: Hearing Date: 02/09/2026 - LIST # E1 E2 E3 E4 E5 E6 E7 E8 E9 E10 E11 E12 E13 E14 E15 E16 E17
3. 19-Mar-2026 FILED: Appellate Clerk Notice (606(b))
4. 20-Mar-2026 FILED: DCS's Notice of Change of Counsel; DCS's Certificate of Service for Notice of Change of Counsel (Appellee DCS)
5. 30-Mar-2026 FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 02/09/2026 - Severance Trial (Kirsten Gunn)
6. 30-Mar-2026 FILED: Notice of Completion of Record
7. 20-Apr-2026 FILED: Motion for Extension of Time to File Opening Brief; Certificate of Mailing (Appellant)
8. 21-Apr-2026 ORDERED: Motion for Extension of Time to File Opening Brief (Appellant) = GRANTED. Due date EXTENDED from Monday, 04-20-2026 to Monday, 05-11-2026. The court will not grant any further extension absent extraordinary circumstances. Patrick Philippe Lacroix ProTem Judge - Author
9. 11-May-2026 FILED: Affidavit Pursuant to ARPJC 607(e); Certificate of Mailing (Appellant) [Stricken per order filed 05/11/2026]
10. 11-May-2026 ORDERED: Striking the Notice and Avowal in Lieu of Opening Brief filed in this court on 05/11/2026. FURTHER ORDERED: Counsel may file the opening brief or another notice conforming to Rule 607(e)(1)(A) or (B) by 05/26/2026. Patrick Philippe Lacroix ProTem Judge - Author
11. 26-May-2026 FILED: Affidavit Pursuant to ARPJC 607(e); Certificate of Mailing (Appellant)

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12. 29-May-2026 ORDERED: Appellant may file an opening brief on or before 06/15/2026. See Ariz. R.P. Juv. Ct. 607(e)(3). The court will grant no further extensions absent extraordinary circumstances. Id. FURTHER ORDERED: If appellant 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: Janelle A. McEachern remains appointed, but only as appellant's advisory counsel. Patrick Philippe Lacroix ProTem Judge - Author