

Court of Appeals, Division One

Special Action

1 CA-SA 25-0250

SOTO v. STATE

Appellate Case Information

Case Filed: 2-Sep-2025

Case Closed:

Dept/Composition

Department D

Hon. David B Gass
Hon. Michael J Brown
Hon. Andrew J Becke

Side 1. MICHAEL SOTO, Petitioner

(Litigant Group) SOTO

- Michael Soto

Attorney for: Petitioner

Albert H Duncan, Esq. (AZ Bar No. 4966)

Side 2. STATE OF ARIZONA ex rel. RACHEL MITCHELL, Maricopa County Attorney, Respondent

(Litigant Group) STATE

- State of Arizona
Rachel H Mitchell, Maricopa County Attorney's Office

Attorney for: Respondent

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CASE STATUS

Apr 10, 2026.... Pending in ASC

Table with 6 columns: PREDECESSOR CASE(S), Cause/Charge/Class, Judgment/Sentence, Judge, Role <Comments>, Trial, Dispo. Row 1: MAR, CR2025-006306-001, Aryeh D Schwartz, Authoring Judge of Order.

DESCENDENT CASE(S)

ASC CR-26-0106-PR

CASE DECISION

16-Mar-2026 OPINION

Amended Per Order filed 03-20-2026

Filed: 16-Mar-2026

Mandate:

David Gass.....Author
Michael Brown.....Concur
Andrew Becke.....Concur

Table with 1 column: Decision Disposition. Content: Jurisdiction Accepted, Relief Granted, Remanded.

18 PROCEEDING ENTRIES

- 1. 2-Sep-2025 FILED: Petition for Special Action; Certificate of Compliance; Petition for Special Action: Party Contact Information; Coversheet (Petitioner)
2. 3-Sep-2025 FILED: Special Action Clerk Notice (Assigned to Dept D, Judges Gass, Brown, Becke)
3. 3-Sep-2025 FILED: Special Action Stay Hearing Scheduling Requirements
4. 3-Sep-2025 FILED: Motion to Accept Sealed Documents Re: Petition for Special Action; Certificate of Service (Petitioner)
5. 3-Sep-2025 FILED: Appendix for Special Action (FILED UNDER SEAL)
6. 3-Sep-2025 ORDERED: Respondent shall file a response by 09/11/2025. FURTHER ORDERED: Petitioner shall file a reply five days after Respondent files a response. Hon David B Gass - Author
7. 5-Sep-2025 FILED: Unopposed Procedural Motion to Extend Deadline for State's Response to Special Action Petition; Certificate of Service (Respondent)
8. 5-Sep-2025 ORDERED: Unopposed Procedural Motion to Extend Deadline for State's Response to Special Action Petition (Respondent) = GRANTED. Due date EXTENDED from Thursday, 09-11-2025 to Friday, 09-19-2025. FURTHER ORDERED: Petitioner shall file a reply five days after Respondent files a response. Hon David B Gass - Author
9. 19-Sep-2025 FILED: State's Response to Petition for Special Action; Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service (Respondent)
10. 26-Sep-2025 FILED: Reply To State's Response To Petition For Special Action; Reply To State's Response To Petition For Special Action: Certificate Of Service; Certificate of Compliance (Petitioner)
11. 16-Mar-2026 OPINION (Jurisdiction Accepted, Relief Granted, Remanded) Hon David B Gass - Author; Hon Michael J Brown - Concur; Hon Andrew J Becke - Concur
[Amended per order filed 3/20/2026]

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12. 16-Mar-2026 FILED: Decision Distribution Notification
13. 20-Mar-2026 ORDERED: Directing the Clerk of this court to amend, by interlineation, the Opinion filed 03/16/2026. (See order) FURTHER ORDERED: A copy of this order be sent to each party appearing herein or to the attorney for such party, and to the Honorable Aryeh D. Schwartz. Hon David B Gass - Author
14. 20-Mar-2026 ORDERED: Motion to Accept Sealed Documents Re: Petition for Special Action (Petitioner) = GRANTED. FURTHER ORDERED: The above-described material subject to access by court personnel as needed for processing this appeal. Hon David B Gass - Author
15. 14-Apr-2026 FILED: Email Notice from ASC re: Petition for Review filed 04/10/2026; request for partial record
16. 14-Apr-2026 FILED: Letter forwarding partial record to Arizona Supreme Court
17. 29-Apr-2026 FILED: Order from ASC, 04/28/2026, re: Denying the State's request without prejudice to Emergency Request for Procedural Order Staying Case.
18. 29-May-2026 FILED: ASC Order filed 05/29/2026 re: Petitioner Soto file a response to the petition for review by no later than 06/29/2026.