

Court of Appeals, Division One

Special Action

1 CA-SA 26-0004

SIMMONS v. STATE

Appellate Case Information

Case Filed: 6-Jan-2026

Case Closed:

Dept/Composition

Department F

Hon. David B Gass
Hon. Anni Hill Foster
Hon. Randall M Howe

Side 1. SOPHIA DOMINIQUE SIMMONS, Petitioner

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Side 2. STATE OF ARIZONA, Respondent

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CASE STATUS

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PREDECESSOR CASE(S)

Table with 6 columns: Predecessor Case, Cause/Charge/Class, Judgment/Sentence, Judge, Role <Comments>, Trial, Dispo. Row 1: MAR, CR2024-006820-001, Joseph Shayne Kiefer, Authoring Judge of Order

PENDING MATTER

Petition for Special Action

Filed: 6-Jan-2026

* Emergency Petition for Special Action (Petitioner)

10 PROCEEDING ENTRIES

- 1. 6-Jan-2026 FILED: Emergency Petition for Special Action; Certificate of Compliance; Contact Information Sheet; Cover Sheet (Petitioner)
2. 6-Jan-2026 FILED: Motion to Stay Superior Court Decision - Special Action; Certificate of Service (Petitioner)
3. 6-Jan-2026 FILED: Courtesy Copy of Order Regarding Counsel (re: Indigence); Courtesy Copy of Order Regarding Counsel (re: Indigence) (DUPLICATE) (Petitioner)
4. 6-Jan-2026 FILED: Special Action Clerk Notice (Assigned to Dept F, Judges Gass, Foster, Howe)
5. 6-Jan-2026 FILED: Special Action Stay Hearing Scheduling Requirements
6. 7-Jan-2026 FILED: Notice of Filing; Certificate of Service (Petitioner)
7. 7-Jan-2026 FILED: Notice of Stay Hearing (01/07/2026)
8. 8-Jan-2026 ORDERED: Motion to Stay Superior Court Decision - Special Action (Petitioner) = GRANTED / Staying of the superior court's decision to allow the State to proceed with an intellectual disability evaluation of Simmons on January 7 and 8, 2026. The stay will remain in place until further order of the court. FURTHER ORDERED: State must file any response to the petition by Thursday, 01/15/2026, and Simmons shall file any reply within 5 days of service of the State's response. Hon David B Gass - Author
9. 15-Jan-2026 FILED: State's Response to Simmon's Petition for Special Action; Certificate of Compliance for State's Response to Simmon's Petition for Special Action; Certificate of Service for State's Response to Simmon's Petition for Special Action (Respondent)
10. 21-Jan-2026 FILED: Reply: Petition for Special Action; Certificate of Service; Certificate of Compliance (Petitioner)