

Court of Appeals, Division One

Special Action

1 CA-SA 26-0062

KPNX et al. v. STATE/ABATTI

Appellate Case Information

Case Filed: 13-Feb-2026

Case Closed:

Dept/Composition

Department B

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

Side 1. KPNX-TV CHANNEL 12, a division of MULTIMEDIA HOLDINGS CORP.; PHOENIX NEWSPAPERS, INC.; GRAY LOCAL MEDIA, INC., d/b/a KTVK/KPHO, Petitioner

(Litigant Group) KPNX et al.

- KPNX-TV Channel 12
Multimedia Holdings
Phoenix Newspapers Inc
Gray Local Media Inc
KTVK-TV
KPHO-TV

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Side 2. STATE OF ARIZONA; MICHAEL ABATTI, Respondent

(Litigant Group) STATE

- State of Arizona

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(Litigant Group) ABATTI

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(Litigant Group) VICTIMS

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CASE STATUS

Feb 13, 2026....Assigned

Table with 6 columns: PREDECESSOR CASE(S), Cause/Charge/Class, Judgment/Sentence, Judge, Role <Comments>, Trial, Dispo. Row 1: NAV, S0900CR202501148, Jon H Saline, Authoring Judge of Order, Joseph Samuel Clark, Authoring Judge of Order.

PENDING MATTER

Petition for Special Action

Filed: 13-Feb-2026

* Opening Brief Of Petitioners KPNX-TV Channel 12, A Division Of Multimedia Holdings Corp.; Phoenix Newspapers, Inc.; And Gray Local Media, Inc. D/B/A KTKV/KPHO (Petitioner)

23 PROCEEDING ENTRIES

- 1. 13-Feb-2026 FILED: Opening Brief Of Petitioners KPNX-TV Channel 12, A Division Of Multimedia Holdings Corp.; Phoenix Newspapers, Inc.; And Gray Local Media, Inc. D/B/A KTKV/KPHO; Certificate of Compliance; Petition for Special Action Party Contact Information; Cover Sheet - Appellate Special Action (Petitioner)
2. 13-Feb-2026 FILED: Appendix To Opening Brief Of Petitioners KPNX-TV Channel 12, A Division Of Multimedia Holdings Corp.; Phoenix Newspapers, Inc.; And Gray Local Media, Inc. D/B/A KTKV/KPHO (Petitioner)
3. 13-Feb-2026 FILED: Special Action Clerk Notice (Assigned to Dept B, Judges Catlett, Paton, Perkins)
4. 13-Feb-2026 FILED: Special Action Stay Hearing Scheduling Requirements
5. 17-Feb-2026 ORDERED: Respondents and the victims who spoke during the initial appearance and arraignment may file a response by 03/02/2026. FURTHER ORDERED: Petitioners may file a reply by 03/20/2026. Hon Michael S Catlett - Author
6. 18-Feb-2026 RECEIPT No.: 2026-00217 ; \$330.00, Authorization: #49012750009, Applied to: KPNX et al. - Class A Filing Fee (\$330.00) Paid for: Ballard Spahr LLP - By nCourt LLC
7. 24-Feb-2026 FILED: Motion of Respondent Michael Abatti and Counsel for Invited Intervenors to Set Briefing Schedule; Motion of Respondent Michael Abatti and Counsel for Invited Intervenors to Set Briefing Schedule (Certificate of Service) (Respondent Abatti)

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8. 24-Feb-2026 FILED: Pro Hac Vice Applicant; The State Bar of California Certificate of Standing; Courtesy Copy - Motion to Associate Counsel Pro Hac Vice, filed 12/26/2025 in Navajo County Superior Court; Proposed Order re: Motion to Associate Pro Hac Vice (Respondent Abatti)
9. 25-Feb-2026 ORDERED: Motion of Respondent Michael Abatti and Counsel for Invited Intervenor to Set Briefing Schedule (Respondent Abatti) = GRANTED. FURTHER ORDERED: Amending the deadling for respondents and intervenors to file a response to 4/3/26. FURTHER ORDERED: Petitioners may file a reply by 4/17/26. Hon Michael S Catlett - Author
10. 2-Mar-2026 RECEIPT No.: 2026-00261 ; \$165.00, Authorization: #61016380563, Applied to: ABATTI - Class B Filing Fee (\$165.00) Paid for: Iredale & Roth - By nCourt LLC
11. 2-Apr-2026 FILED: Victims Michaela Abatti, Mary Abatti and Matthew Abatti's Response to Petition for Special Action; Victims Michaela Abatti, Mary Abatti and Matthew Abatti's Certificate of Compliance to Response to Petition for Special Action; Victims Michaela Abatti, Mary Abatti and Matthew Abatti's Certificate of Service for Response to Petition for Special Action (Respondent Victims)
12. 2-Apr-2026 FILED: Victims Michaela Abatti, Mary Abatti and Matthew Abatti's Appendix 1 to Response to Petition for Special Action (Respondent Victims)
13. 2-Apr-2026 FILED: Victims Michaela Abatti, Mary Abatti and Matthew Abatti's Appendix 2 to Response to Petition for Special Action (Respondent Victims)
14. 2-Apr-2026 FILED: Victims Michaela Abatti, Mary Abatti and Matthew Abatti's Certificate of Service to Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 (Respondent Victims)
15. 2-Apr-2026 FILED: Victims Michaela Abatti, Mary Abatti and Matthew Abatti's Motion for Procedural Order Allowing Filing of Appendix 2 (Audio Recording of December 31, 2025 Initial Appearance Hearing) to Response to Petition for Special Action Under Seal (Motion to File USB); Victims Michaela Abatti, Mary Abatti and Matthew Abatti's Certificate of Service to Motion for Permission to File Audio Recording of December 31, 2025 Initial Appearance Hearing Under Seal (Respondent Victims)
16. 2-Apr-2026 FILED: Victims Michaela Abatti, Mary Abatti and Matthew Abatti's Certificate of Service to Motion for Permission to File Audio Recording of December 31, 2025 Initial Appearance Hearing Under Seal (Duplicate) (Respondent Victims)
17. 2-Apr-2026 FILED: Victims Michaela Abatti, Mary Abatti and Matthew Abatti's Motion for Procedural Order to File Appendix 2 (Audio Recording of December 31, 2025 Initial Appearance Hearing) to Response to Petition for Special Action Under Seal; Victims Michaela Abatti, Mary Abatti and Matthew Abatti's Certificate of Service to Motion for Procedural Order to File Appendix 2 (Audio Recording December 31, 2025 Initial Appearance Hearing) to Response to Petition for Special Action Under Seal (Respondent Victims)
18. 2-Apr-2026 FILED: Opposition of Respondent Michael Abatti to Petition for Special Action; Certificate of Compliance; Proof of Service (Respondent Abatti)
19. 2-Apr-2026 FILED: Respondent's Appendix (Respondent Abatti)
20. 2-Apr-2026 FILED: Courtesy Copy re: Notice of Receipt of Complete Application by State Bar of Arizona; Courtesy Copy re: The State Bar of California Certificate of Good Standing; Courtesy Copy re: Verified Application of Motion to Associate Counsel Pro Hac Vice Filed in Superior Court of Navajo County (Respondent Abatti)
21. 2-Apr-2026 FILED: USB Flashdrive re: December 31, 2025 Audio Recording (FILED UNDER SEAL)
22. 6-Apr-2026 ORDERED: Victims Michaela Abatti, Mary Abatti and Matthew Abatti's Motion for Procedural Order Allowing Filing of Appendix 2 (Audio Recording of December 31, 2025 Initial Appearance Hearing) to Response to Petition for Special Action Under Seal (Respondent Victims) = GRANTED. FURTHER ORDERED: Victims Michaela Abatti, Mary Abatti and Matthew Abatti's Motion for Procedural Order to File Appendix 2 (Audio Recording of December 31, 2025 Initial Appearance Hearing) to Response to Petition for Special Action Under Seal (Respondent Victims) = GRANTED. Hon Michael S Catlett - Author
23. 17-Apr-2026 FILED: Reply Brief of Petitioners KPNX-TV Channel 12, a Division of Multimedia Holdings Corp.; Phoenix Newspapers, Inc.; and Gray Local Media, Inc. D/B/A KTVK/KPHO; Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service (Petitioners)