

Court of Appeals, Division One

Special Action

1 CA-SA 26-0097

GOLDENROD v. RICCI et al.

Appellate Case Information

Case Filed: 9-Mar-2026

Case Closed:

Dept/Composition

Department E

Hon. Michael J Brown
Hon. Samuel A Thumma
Hon. Cynthia J Bailey

Side 1. GOLDENROD GROUP L.L.C., an Arizona limited liability company, Petitioner

(Litigant Group) GOLDENROD

- Goldenrod Group LLC

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Side 2. DOMINIC RICCI, an individual; GOLD PROSPECTORS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA INC., a California corporation; LOST DUTCHMAN MINING ASSOCIATION INC., a California corporation, Respondent

(Litigant Group) RICCI et al.

- Dominic Ricci
Gold Prospectors Association of America Inc
Lost Dutchman Mining Association Inc

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CASE STATUS

May 15, 2026... Decision Rendered

Table with 6 columns: PREDECESSOR CASE(S), Cause/Charge/Class, Judgment/Sentence, Judge, Role <Comments>, Trial, Dispo. Row 1: YAV, P1300CV202200027, Tina R Ainley, Authoring Judge of Order

2 OPEN DUE DATES

Motion for Reconsideration Due Due By: Monday, June 1, 2026

Re: * ORDERED: Plaintiff Goldenrod Group L.L.C.'S Petition For Special Action (Petitioner) = JURISDICTION ACCEPTED. FURTHER ORDERED: Granting relief by vacating the superior court's order granting summary judgment in favor of LDMA on Goldenrod's claims for co

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CASE DECISION

15-May-2026 ORDER

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Michael Brown.....Author

16 PROCEEDING ENTRIES

- 1. 9-Mar-2026 FILED: Plaintiff Goldenrod Group L.L.C.'S Petition For Special Action; Certificate of Compliance for Petition for Special Action; Contact Information Sheet - Special Action; Cover Sheet - Appellate Special Action (Petitioner)
2. 9-Mar-2026 FILED: Appendix to Petition for Special Action (Petitioner)
3. 9-Mar-2026 FILED: Special Action Clerk Notice (Assigned to Dept E, Judges Brown, Weinzwieg, Becke)
4. 9-Mar-2026 FILED: Special Action Stay Hearing Scheduling Requirements
5. 10-Mar-2026 FILED: Memorandum: Judge Thumma for Judge Fabian [sic] (Chief Judge Howe)
6. 10-Mar-2026 FILED: Amended Memorandum: Judge Thumma for Judge Becke (Chief Judge Howe)

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7. 10-Mar-2026 ORDERED: Respondents shall file a response to the petition for special action by 03/19/2026. FURTHER ORDERED: Petitioner desires to file a reply, it must be filed within five days of any response. Hon Michael J Brown - Author
8. 11-Mar-2026 FILED: Stipulation to Extend Deadline to Submit Respondents' Response to Petition for Special Action; Certificate of Service and Filing (Respondents)
9. 12-Mar-2026 RECEIPT No.: 2026-00331 ; \$330.00, Authorization: #71004465433, Applied to: GOLDENROD - Class A Filing Fee (\$330.00) Paid for: Fennemore Craig PC - By nCourt LLC
10. 12-Mar-2026 ORDERED: Stipulation to Extend Deadline to Submit Respondents' Response to Petition for Special Action (Respondents) = GRANTED. Due date EXTENDED from Thursday, 03-19-2026 to Friday, 03-27-2026. FURTHER ORDERED: Petitioner desires to file a reply, it must be filed within five days of any response. Hon Michael J Brown - Author
11. 16-Mar-2026 RECEIPT No.: 2026-00350 ; \$165.00, Authorization: #75015959470, Applied to: RICCI et al. - Class B Filing Fee (\$165.00) Paid for: Musgrove Drutz Butner & Gautreaux, PC - By nCourt LLC
12. 27-Mar-2026 FILED: Respondents' Response to Plaintiff Goldenrod Group L.L.C.'s Petition for Special Action; Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service and Filing (Respondent)
13. 27-Mar-2026 FILED: Appendix in Support of Respondents' Response to Plaintiff Goldenrod Group L.L.C.'s Petition for Special Action (Respondent)
14. 3-Apr-2026 FILED: Petitioner-Plaintiff Goldenrod Group L.L.C.'s Reply Brief in Support of its Petition for Special Action; Certificate of Service of Petitioner-Plaintiff Goldenrod Group L.L.C.'s Reply Brief in Support of its Petition for Special Action; Certificate of Compliance for Petitioner-Plaintiff Goldenrod Group L.L.C.'s Reply Brief in Support of its Petition for Special Action (Petitioner)
15. 30-Apr-2026 FILED: Memorandum: Judge Bailey for Judge Weinzweig (Chief Judge Howe)
16. 15-May-2026 ORDERED: Plaintiff Goldenrod Group L.L.C.'S Petition For Special Action (Petitioner) = JURISDICTION ACCEPTED. FURTHER ORDERED: Granting relief by vacating the superior court's order granting summary judgment in favor of LDMA on Goldenrod's claims for conversion, aiding and abetting conversion, unjust enrichment, and accounting. FURTHER ORDERED: Remanding this case to the superior court for further proceedings on Goldenrod's claims for trespass, aiding and abetting trespass, conversion, aiding and abetting conversion, unjust enrichment, and accounting, as well as Goldenrod's requests for injunctive and declaratory relief. Hon Michael J Brown - Author