

Court of Appeals, Division One

Special Action

1 CA-SA 26-0147

AZ DEPT WATER RESOURCES v. OPAL/STEFF

Appellate Case Information

Case Filed: 22-Apr-2026

Case Closed:

Dept/Composition

Department E

Hon. Veronika Fabian
Hon. Andrew M Jacobs
Hon. Randall M Howe

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- Arizona Department of Water Resources

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(Litigant Group) OPAL INVESTMENTS, et al.

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(Litigant Group) MOHAVE COUNTY

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CASE STATUS

Apr 22, 2026....Assigned

PREDECESSOR CASE(S)

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Table with 6 columns: Cause/Charge/Class, Judgment/Sentence, Judge, Role <Comments>, Trial, Dispo. Row 1: Cause/Charge/Class, Judgment/Sentence, Judge, Role <Comments>, Trial, Dispo.

OPEN DUE DATE

Reply to Petition for Special Action Due

Due By: Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Re: ORDERED: Respondents shall file a response by 05/08/2026. Petitioner may file a reply by 05/22/2026. Hon Veronika Fabian - Author

[1 extension]

2 PENDING MATTERS

Petition for Special Action

Filed: 22-Apr-2026

* Petition for Special Action (Petitioner)

Div 1 Request for Oral Argument

Filed: 27-May-2026

Request for Oral Argument (Respondent)

16 PROCEEDING ENTRIES

- 1. 22-Apr-2026 FILED: Petition for Special Action; Certificate of Compliance; Contact Information Sheet; Cover Sheet - Appellate Special Action (Petitioner)

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2. 22-Apr-2026 FILED: Separate Appendix to Petition for Special Action; Certificate of Service (Petitioner)
3. 22-Apr-2026 FILED: Special Action Clerk Notice Assigned to Dept E, Judges, Brown Fabian Weinzweig
4. 22-Apr-2026 FILED: Special Action Stay Hearing Scheduling Requirements
5. 22-Apr-2026 FILED: Brief of Amicus Curiae Mohave County in Support of Petitioner; Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service (Amicus Curiae)
6. 23-Apr-2026 FILED: Memorandum: Judge Jacobs for Judge Brown (Chief Judge Howe)
7. 23-Apr-2026 FILED: City of Kingman's Notice of Joinder in Mohave County's Amicus Brief in Support of Petitioner; Certificate of Service (Amicus Curiae Kingman)
8. 24-Apr-2026 ORDERED: Respondents shall file a response by 05/08/2026. Petitioner may file a reply by 05/22/2026. Hon Veronika Fabian - Author
9. 24-Apr-2026 FILED: Amended Special Action Clerk Notice Assigned to Dept E, Judges Jacobs, Fabian, Howe
10. 5-May-2026 FILED: Unopposed Motion to Extend Time to File Response and Reply to Petition for Special Action; Certificate of Service: Unopposed Motion to Extend Time to File Response and Reply to Petition for Special Action (Respondent)
11. 6-May-2026 ORDERED: Unopposed Motion to Extend Time to File Response and Reply to Petition for Special Action (Respondent) = GRANTED. Response due date EXTENDED from Friday, 05-08-2026 to Friday, 05-22-2026; Reply Due date EXTENDED from Friday, 05-22-2026 to Wednesday, 06-10-2026. Hon Veronika Fabian - Author
12. 8-May-2026 RECEIPT No.: 2026-00604 ; \$165.00, Authorization: # 28006372564, Applied to: OPAL INVESTMENTS, et al. - Class B Filing Fee (\$165.00) Paid for: Adriane Janet Hofmeyr - By nCourt LLC
13. 19-May-2026 FILED: Brief of Amicus Curiae State of Arizona in Support of Petitioner; Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service (Amicus Curiae State)
14. 19-May-2026 FILED: Amicus Curiae State of Arizona Appendix (Amicus Curiae State)
15. 22-May-2026 FILED: Response to Petition for Special Action; Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service (Respondent)
16. 27-May-2026 FILED: Request for Oral Argument; Certificate of Service (Respondent)