

**Arizona Supreme Court**  
**Civil Petition for Review - Appeal**

**CV-25-0002-PR**

**MILLS et al v STATE OF ARIZONA**

**Appellate Case Information**

Case Filed: 6-Jan-2025  
Case Closed:

**Dept/Composition**

**En Banc**  
Hon. Ann A. Scott Timmer  
Hon. John R Lopez  
Hon. Clint Bolick  
Hon. James P Beene  
Hon. William G Montgomery  
Hon. Kathryn H. King  
Hon. Maria Elena Cruz

**Side 1. GREG MILLS, AN INDIVIDUAL; AND SOUTHWEST ENGINEERING CONCEPTS, LLC, AN ARIZONA COMPANY, Plaintiff/Appellant**  
(Litigant Group) GREG MILLS, AN INDIVIDUAL; AND SOUTHWEST ENGINEERING CONCEPTS, LLC, AN ARIZONA COMPANY

- Greg Mills
- Southwest Engineering Concepts LLC

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**Side 2. STATE OF ARIZONA, A BODY POLITIC, Defendant/Appellee**  
(Litigant Group) STATE OF ARIZONA, A BODY POLITIC

- State of Arizona

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**Side 3. GOLDWATER INSTITUTE, Amicus Curiae**  
(Litigant Group) GOLDWATER INSTITUTE

- Goldwater Institute

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**Side 4. NATIONAL COUNCIL OF EXAMINERS FOR ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING, Amicus Curiae**  
(Litigant Group) NATIONAL COUNCIL OF EXAMINERS FOR ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING

- National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying

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**CASE STATUS**

Mar 10, 2026....Submitted Jan 6, 2026.....At Issue  
Jan 6, 2026.....Oral Argument Granted

PREDECESSOR CASE (S)	Cause/Charge/Class	Judgment/Sentence	Judge, Role <Comments>	Trial	Dispo
2 CA	2 CA-CV 23-0240				
↳ MAR	CV2019-013509		Susanna C Pineda, Trial Comments: (none)		

**32 PROCEEDING ENTRIES**

- 6-Jan-2025 FILED: Unopposed Motion for Procedural Order for Extension of Time to File Petition for Review; Certificate of Service (Appellants Mills, et al.)
- 8-Jan-2025 An "Unopposed Motion for Procedural Order for Extension of Time to File Petition for Review" (Appellants Mills, et al.) having been filed on January 6, 2025,  
  
IT IS ORDERED granting a first extension of time to file the petition for review on or before February 21, 2025. No further extensions of time shall be granted absent extraordinary circumstances. This matter is subject to dismissal if the petition for review is not filed by February 21, 2025. (Tracie K. Lindeman, Clerk)
- 21-Feb-2025 FILED: Petition for Review; Certificate of Service; Certificate of Compliance; Memorandum Decision (Appellants Mills, et al.)
- 28-Feb-2025 FILED: Record From CofA: Link to Electronic Recod
- 28-Feb-2025 FILED: Letter to Attorney Paul V. Avelar (Verification of Pro Hac Vice Status)
- 4-Mar-2025 FILED: Unopposed Motion for Procedural Order Extending Time to Response to Petition for Review; Certificate of Service (Appellee State of Arizona)

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7.	4-Mar-2025	FILED: Motion to Associate Counsel Pro Hac Vice; Certificate of Service (Appellants Mills, et al.)
8.	5-Mar-2025	RECEIPT No.: 2025-00038 ; \$330.00, Authorization: 8565732208681732, Applied to: GREG MILLS, AN INDIVIDUAL; AND SOUTHWEST ENGINEERI - Class A Filing Fee (\$330.00) Paid for: GREG MILLS, AN INDIVIDUAL; AND SOUTHWEST ENGINEERING CONCEPTS, LLC, AN ARIZONA COMPANY - By nCourt LLC
9.	6-Mar-2025	An "Unopposed Motion for Procedural Order Extending Time to Response to Petition for Review" (Appellee State of Arizona) having been filed on March 4, 2025,  IT IS ORDERED granting a first extension of time to file the response to petition for review on or before April 21, 2025. No further extensions of time shall be granted absent extraordinary circumstances. (Tracie K. Lindeman, Clerk)
10.	7-Mar-2025	On March 4, 2025, Appellants Mills, et al. filed a "Motion to Associate Counsel Pro Hac Vice," asking that Elizabeth L. Sanz be allowed to appear and participate in the above-referenced matter. The motion was filed with the original order granting motion to associate counsel pro hac vice and the State Bar Notice, but without the original verified application and original certificates of good standing as exhibits. The request to associate counsel pro hac vice demonstrates compliance with Rule 39(a)(9), Rules of the Supreme Court, and accordingly,  IT IS ORDERED granting the motion and authorizing Elizabeth L. Sanz to appear Pro Hac Vice before this Court in this matter for a period not to exceed one year from the date of this Order. (Hon James P Beene)
11.	21-Apr-2025	FILED: State of Arizona's Response to Petition for Review; Certificate of Service; Certificate of Compliance (Appellee State of Arizona)
12.	9-May-2025	FILED: Brief Amicus Curiae of Goldwater Institute in Support of Petitioners; Certificate of Service; Certificate of Compliance (Amicus Goldwater)
13.	9-May-2025	FILED: Consent of all Parties (Amicus Goldwater)
14.	29-May-2025	FILED: State of Arizona's Response to Amicus Brief of Goldwater Institute; Certificate of Service; Certificate of Compliance (Appellee State of Arizona)
15.	12-Dec-2025	ORDERED: Petition for Review = CONTINUED.
16.	6-Jan-2026	ORDERED: Petition for Review = GRANTED as to the following issues:  1. "What Arizona constitutional standard applies to economic liberty claims?"  2. "Are Plaintiffs not 'similarly situated' to a statutorily benefitted group just because the statute excludes them?"  3. "Does the restriction of Plaintiffs' advertising implicate free speech rights?"  FURTHER ORDERED: The case shall be set for oral argument.  FURTHER ORDERED: The parties may file simultaneous supplemental briefs, not to exceed 20 pages in length, no later than January 26, 2026. Any amicus briefs are due on or before February 10, 2026 and any responses to amicus briefs are due on or before March 2, 2026. Any amicus briefs or responses may not exceed 20 pages in length.
17.	13-Jan-2026	FILED: Record from CofA: Remaining Record
18.	14-Jan-2026	NOTICE OF ORAL ARGUMENT: Set for Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 9:30 A.M. [20 minutes per side]
19.	15-Jan-2026	Notice of Acknowledgment of Oral Argument (Joshua M. Whitaker will argue) (Appellee State of Arizona)
20.	16-Jan-2026	FILED: Notice of Acknowledgment of Oral Argument (Paul V. Avelar will argue) (Appellants Mills, et al.)
21.	26-Jan-2026	FILED: State of Arizona's Supplemental Brief; Certificate of Service; Certificate of Compliance (Appellee State of Arizona)
22.	26-Jan-2026	FILED: Supplemental Brief of Plaintiffs-Appellants-Petitioners; Certificate of Service; Certificate of Compliance (Appellants Mills, et al.)
23.	10-Feb-2026	FILED: Supplemental Brief of Amici Curiae Goldwater Institute, National Federation of Independent Business Small Business Legal Center, and Cato Institute in Support of Plaintiffs/Appellants/Petitioners; Certificate of Service; Certificate of Compliance (Amicus Goldwater)
24.	10-Feb-2026	FILED: Unopposed Motion for Leave to File Amici Curiae Brief (Amicus Goldwater)
25.	10-Feb-2026	FILED: Amicus Curiae Brief of National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying in Support of Defendant/Appellee/Respondent (Filed With Written Consent of All Parties); Certificate of Service; Certificate of Compliance (Amicus NCEES)

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26. 10-Feb-2026 FILED: Consent of all Parties (Amicus NCEES)
27. 13-Feb-2026 An "Unopposed Motion for Leave to File Amici Curiae Brief" (Amicus Goldwater) and the brief of amicus curiae were filed on February 10, 2026. After consideration,  
  
IT IS ORDERED the "Unopposed Motion for Leave to File Amici Curiae Brief" is granted. The brief will be filed as of February 10, 2026. (Hon. Ann A. Scott Timmer)
28. 2-Mar-2026 FILED: State of Arizona's Response to Amicus Brief of Goldwater Institute et al.; Certificate of Service; Certificate of Compliance (Appellee State of Arizona)
29. 2-Mar-2026 FILED: Plaintiffs-Appellants-Petitioners' Response to Supplemental Amicus Brief; Certificate of Service; Certificate of Compliance (Appellants Mills, et al.)
30. 10-Mar-2026 ORAL ARGUMENT - Submitted for decision en banc (Attorneys who argued: Paul V. Avelar, Joshua M. Whitaker)
31. 23-Mar-2026 FILED: Motion to Associate Counsel Pro Hac Vice; Certificate of Service; Exhibits A - D; Proposed Order Granting Admission Pro Hac Vice (Amicus NCEES)
32. 25-Mar-2026 Amicus National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying, having filed a "Motion to Associate Counsel Pro Hac Vice" asking that Megan Barbero, Courtney L. Dixon, Ronald M. Jacobs, and Cristina I. Vessels be allowed to appear and participate in the above-referenced matter and the appropriate application and related materials having been submitted and found to be in compliance with Rule 39(a), Rules of the Supreme Court,  
  
IT IS ORDERED granting the Motion and authorizing Megan Barbero, Courtney L. Dixon, Ronald M. Jacobs, and Cristina I. Vessels to appear Pro Hac Vice before this Court in this matter for a period not to exceed one year from the date of this Order. (Aaron C. Nash, Clerk)