

Arizona Supreme Court
Civil Petition for Review - Juvenile

CV-25-0173-PR

IN RE TERM OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AS TO M.P.

Appellate Case Information

Case Filed: 27-Jun-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. MARIA P., Appellant

(Litigant Group) MARIA P.

- Maria P.

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- M. P.

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Side 3. INDIGENT DEFENSE AGENCIES, Amicus Curiae

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- Indigent Defense Agencies

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(Litigant Group) MARICOPA COUNTY OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ADVOCATE

- Maricopa County Office of the Legal Advocate

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CASE STATUS

Jan 13, 2026....Submitted	Nov 4, 2025.....At Issue
Nov 4, 2025.....Oral Argument Granted	Jun 27, 2025....Pending

PREDECESSOR CASE (S)	Cause/Charge/Class	Judgment/Sentence	Judge, Role <Comments>	Trial	Dispo
2 CA 2 CA-JV 24-0093					
↔ PIM S20240024			Helena Seymour, Pro Tem Comments: (none)		
2 CA 2 CA-JV 24-0094					
↔ PIM JD20230397			Helena Seymour, Pro Tem Comments: (none)		

30 PROCEEDING ENTRIES

1.	27-Jun-2025	FILED: DCS's Motion for Extension of Time to File Petition for Review (Motion for Procedural Order); Certificate of Service (Appellee DCS)
2.	30-Jun-2025	A "Motion for Extension of Time to File Petition for Review (Motion for Procedural Order)" (Appellee DCS) having been filed on June 27, 2025, IT IS ORDERED granting a first extension of time to file the petition for review on or before August 4, 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 August 4, 2025. (Aaron C. Nash, Clerk)
3.	4-Aug-2025	FILED: Department of Child Safety's Petition for Review; Certificate of Service; Certificate of Compliance; Appendix (Appellee DCS)

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4. 5-Aug-2025 FILED: DCS's Uncontested Motion to Exceed Word Limit for Petition for Review (Motion for Procedural Order); Certificate of Service (Appellee DCS)
5. 5-Aug-2025 FILED: Amended Certificate of Service; Certificate of Service (Appellee DCS)
6. 6-Aug-2025 FILED: Record From CofA: Link to Electronic Record
7. 7-Aug-2025 A "DCS's Uncontested Motion to Exceed Word Limit for Petition for Review (Motion for Procedural Order)" (Appellee DCS) having been filed with a 3,902 word count petition for review, and the Clerk of the Court having been authorized by the Supreme Court to enter orders granting or denying requests for extended word count,

IT IS ORDERED granting Appellee DCS's motion to exceed the word count limit on the petition for review by 402 words for a total of 3,902 words. The petition for review will be filed August 4, 2025. (Aaron C. Nash, Clerk)
8. 8-Aug-2025 The Clerk of the Supreme Court having been authorized by the Supreme Court to order any party to file a response to a petition for review at the direction of a Supreme Court staff attorney,

IT IS ORDERED that Appellant Maria P. will file a response to the petition for review within 30 days from the date of this order. No extensions of time to file the response will be granted absent extraordinary circumstances. (Aaron C. Nash, Clerk)
9. 27-Aug-2025 FILED: Maria P.'s Response to Department of Child Safety's Petition for Review; Certificate of Service; Certificate of Compliance (Appellant Maria P.)
10. 27-Aug-2025 FILED: Order (Appellant Maria P.)
11. 8-Sep-2025 FILED: M.P.'s Response to Department of Child Safety's Petition for Review; Certificate of Service; Certificate of Compliance (Appellee M.P.)
12. 8-Sep-2025 FILED: (Copy of) Order (ASC) Filed 8/8/25 (Appellee M.P.)
13. 4-Nov-2025 ORDERED: Department of Child Safety's Petition for Review = GRANTED.

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 November 24, 2025. Any amicus briefs are due on or before December 9, 2025, and any responses to amicus briefs are due on or before December 29, 2025. Any amicus briefs or responses may not exceed 20 pages in length.
14. 17-Nov-2025 FILED: Motion for Procedural Order for Amici Curiae to Have Access to Briefs Filed in This Case; Certificate of Service (Amicus Indigent Defense)
15. 17-Nov-2025 FILED: (Duplicate) Motion for Procedural Order for Amici Curiae to Have Access to Briefs Filed in This Case (Amicus Indigent Defense)
16. 21-Nov-2025 FILED: Notice of Acknowledgment of Oral Argument (Paul D. Bennett will argue) (Appellee)
17. 21-Nov-2025 FILED: Notice of Acknowledgment of Oral Argument (Dawn Williams will argue) (Petitioner)
18. 24-Nov-2025 On November 17, 2025, Amici Curiae Indigent Defense Agencies filed a "Motion for Procedural Order for Amici Curiae to Have Access to Briefs Filed in This Case." Upon consideration,

IT IS ORDERED granting the motion as to the briefs filed in the Court of Appeals and the Petition for Review and Response to the Petition for Review on file in this Court. The parties filing supplement briefs are directed to provide them to the Amici Curiae Indigent Defense Agencies without hyperlinks.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED Amici Curiae Indigent Defense Agencies will not disseminate the briefs beyond the attorneys joining the amicus curiae brief. (Hon. Ann A. Scott Timmer)
19. 24-Nov-2025 FILED: M.P.'s Supplemental Brief; Certificate of Service; Certificate of Compliance (Appellee M.P.)
20. 24-Nov-2025 FILED: Department of Child Safety's Supplemental Brief; Certificate of Service; Certificate of Compliance (Appellee DCS)
21. 24-Nov-2025 FILED: Notice of Acknowledgment of Oral Argument (Sybil Clarke will argue) (Appellant Maria P.)
22. 25-Nov-2025 FILED: Unopposed Motion for Procedural Order Permitting Amici Curiae to Receive Briefs Filed By the Parties; Certificate of Service (Amicus Curiae)
23. 25-Nov-2025 FILED: (Duplicate Copy) Unopposed Motion for Procedural Order Permitting Amici Curiae to Receive Briefs Filed by the Parties (Amicus Maricopa County Office of the Legal Advocate)

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24. 3-Dec-2025 On November 25, 2025, Amicus Curiae Maricopa County Office of the Legal Advocate filed a "Motion for Procedural Order for Amici Curiae to Have Access to Briefs Filed in This Case." Upon consideration,
- IT IS ORDERED granting the motion as to the briefs filed in the Court of Appeals and the Petition for Review and Response to the Petition for Review on file in this Court. The parties filing supplemental briefs are directed to provide them to the Amicus Curiae Maricopa County Office of the Legal Advocate without hyperlinks.
- IT IS FURTHER ORDERED Amicus Curiae Indigent Defense Agencies will not disseminate the briefs beyond the attorneys joining the amicus curiae brief.
Hon. Ann A. Scott Timmer
25. 25-Nov-2025 FILED: Remaining Record from CofA
- Exhibits 2 Accordion Files
 - Clerk's Record on Appeal 2 Files (paper)
26. 6-Dec-2025 FILED: Brief of Amici Curiae Maricopa County Office of the Legal Advocate; Certificate of Service; Certificate of Compliance (Amicus Curiae Maricopa County Office of the Legal Advocate)
27. 9-Dec-2025 FILED: Brief of Amici Curiae Indigent Defense Agencies Maricopa County Office of the Legal Defender and Maricopa County Office of the Public Advocate in Support of Maria P. and M.P.; Certificate of Service; Certificate of Compliance (Amici Curiae Indigent Defense Agencies)
28. 9-Dec-2025 FILED: Brief of Amicus Curiae Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest in Support of M.P. and Mother (Filed with Consent); Certificate of Service; Certificate of Compliance (Amicus Curiae AZ Center for Law in the Public Interest)
29. 9-Dec-2025 FILED: Consent of all Parties (Amicus Curiae)
30. 13-Jan-2026 ORAL ARGUMENT - Submitted for decision en banc (Attorneys who argued: Dawn Rachelle Williams, Sybil Clarke, Paul D. Bennett)