

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

**CV-25-0302-PR**

**SANTA CRUZ et al v AUDIT USA et al**

**Appellate Case Information**

Case Filed: 19-Nov-2025 Archive on: 6-May-2036 (planned)  
Case Closed: 6-May-2026

**Dept/Composition**

**Side 1. SANTA CRUZ COUNTY, A PUBLIC BODY; AND ALMA SCHULTZ, IN HER OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS SANTA CRUZ COUNTY ELECTIONS DIRECTOR, Plaintiff/Appellant/Cross-Appellee**

**(Litigant Group) SANTA CRUZ COUNTY, A PUBLIC BODY; AND ALMA SCHULTZ, IN HER OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS SANTA CRUZ COUNTY ELECTIONS DIRECTOR**

- Santa Cruz County
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**Side 2. AUDIT USA, A 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATION; AND JOHN R. BRAKEY, A NATURAL PERSON, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS DIRECTOR AND CO-FOUNDER OF AUDIT USA, Defendant/Appellee/Cross-Appellant**

**(Litigant Group) AUDIT USA, A 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATION; AND JOHN R. BRAKEY, A NATURAL PERSON, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS DIRECTOR AND CO-FOUNDER OF AUDIT USA**

- Audit-USA
- John R. Brakey

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**CASE STATUS**

May 6, 2026.....Case Closed

May 5, 2026.....Decision Rendered

PREDECESSOR CASE (S)	Cause/Charge/Class	Judgment/Sentence	Judge, Role <Comments>	Trial	Dispo
2 CA	2 CA-CV 24-0328				
↳ PIM	C20223426		Casey F McGinley, Trial Comments: (none)		

**CASE DECISION**

**05-May-2026 ORDER**

ORDERED: Petition for Review = DENIED.

Filed: **06-May-2026**

Mandate:

Decision Disposition

**Denied**

**9 PROCEEDING ENTRIES**

- 19-Nov-2025 FILED: Petition for Review; Certificate of Service; Certificate of Compliance; Exhibit A (Appellees/Cross-Appellants Audit USA, et al.)
- 20-Nov-2025 FILED: Record From CofA: Link to Electronic Record
- 24-Nov-2025 FILED: Notice of Errata (Correcting CofA Case Number on Petition for Review Caption); Certificate of Service (Appellees/Cross-Appellants Audit USA et al.)
- 2-Dec-2025 RECEIPT No.: 2025-00320 ; \$330.00, Authorization: 8567647360079004, Applied to: AUDIT USA, A 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATION; AND JOHN R. B - Class A Filing Fee (\$330.00) Paid for: AUDIT USA, A 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATION; AND JOHN R. BRAKEY, A NATURAL PERSON, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS DIRECTOR AND CO-FOUNDER OF AUDIT USA - By nCourt LLC
- 16-Dec-2025 FILED: Plaintiffs'/Respondents' Response to Petitioner's Petition for Review; Certificate of Service; Certificate of Compliance (Appellants/Cross-Appellees Santa Cruz, et al.)
- 30-Dec-2025 RECEIPT No.: 2025-00346 ; \$165.00, Authorization: 8479878874556545, Applied to: SANTA CRUZ COUNTY, A PUBLIC BODY; AND ALMA SCHULTZ - Class B Filing Fee (\$165.00) Paid for: SANTA CRUZ COUNTY, A PUBLIC BODY; AND ALMA SCHULTZ, IN HER OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS SANTA CRUZ COUNTY ELECTIONS DIRECTOR - By nCourt LLC
- 6-May-2026 ORDERED: Petition for Review = DENIED.  
  
FURTHER ORDERED: Request for Attorneys' Fees (Appellees/Cross-Appellants Audit USA, et al.) = DENIED.  
  
FURTHER ORDERED: Pursuant to Rule 111(g) Rules of the Supreme Court, it is ordered depublishing paragraphs 14-19 of the court of appeals' opinion.  
  
Justice Bolick and Justice Montgomery voted to grant review.

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| 8. | 20-May-2026 | FILED: Motion to Correct The Record and Request For Clarification Regarding Material Misstatements Concerning Audit-USA v. Maricopa County; Certificate of Compliance and Certificate of Service; Amended Transcript (Appellees/Cross-Appellants Audit USA et al.) |
| 9. | 20-May-2026 | FILED: Certificate of Compliance and Certificate of Service; (Duplicate) Certificate of Compliance and Certificate of Service (Appellees/Cross-Appellants Audit USA et al.)  |