

Arizona Supreme Court
Civil Petition for Review - Juvenile

CV-26-0103-PR

IN RE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AS TO M.M.

Appellate Case Information

Case Filed: 1-Apr-2026
Case Closed:

Dept/Composition

Side 1. JAMES M., Appellant

(Litigant Group) JAMES M.

- James M.

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Side 2. DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SAFETY, Appellee

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- M. M.

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CASE STATUS

Apr 1, 2026.....Awaiting Petition for Review

Apr 1, 2026.....Pending

PREDECESSOR CASE(S)

	Cause/Charge/Class	Judgment/Sentence	Judge, Role <Comments>	Trial	Dispo
1 CA	1 CA-JV 25-0138				
↳ MAR	JD534803	Termination of Parental Rights	Suzanne E Cohen, Authoring Judge of Order Comments: (none)		

9 PROCEEDING ENTRIES

1.	1-Apr-2026	FILED: DCS's Notice of Change of Counsel; Certificate of Service (Appellee DCS)
2.	1-Apr-2026	FILED: DCS's Motion to Stay Petition for Review Deadline (Motion for a Procedural Order); Certificate of Service (Appellee DCS)
3.	6-Apr-2026	On April 1, 2026, Appellee filed " DCS's Motion to Stay Petition for Review Deadline (Motion for a Procedural Order)." Upon consideration, IT IS ORDERED granting the motion and staying the deadline to file a petition for review pending further order of the Court. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED parties shall file a status report with the Court every 60 days starting from the date of this order. The parties shall notify the Court within fifteen days of the resolution of this matter in the lower court. (Hon William G Montgomery)
4.	6-Apr-2026	FILED: DCS's Motion for Extension of Time to File Petition for Review (Motion for a Procedural Order); Certificate of Service (Appellee DCS)
5.	7-Apr-2026	Appellee DCS filed "DCS's Motion for Extension of Time to File Petition for Review (Motion for a Procedural Order)" on April 06, 2026. Also on April 06, 2026, the Court issued an Order staying the deadline to file a petition for review. The Court further ordered the parties to file a status report with the Court every 60 days after the date of that order and to notify the Court within 15 days after the resolution of this matter in the lower court. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED denying the motion for extension of time to file a petition for review as moot. (Aaron C. Nash, Clerk)
6.	28-May-2026	FILED: Appellant James M.'s Motion to Reinstate the Petition for Review and Set a Due Date for DCS to file its Petition for Review; Certificate of Service (Appellant James M.)
7.	28-May-2026	FILED: Order Denying Motion for Clarification (Appellant James M.)

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8. 1-Jun-2026 On March 6, 2026, the Court of Appeals issued a Memorandum Decision vacating the order of the Superior Court terminating the parental rights of James M. to his child, M.M., and remanding to the Superior Court for further proceedings. Thereafter, the Department of Child Safety ("DCS") filed a timely notice of intent to file a Petition for Review. However, on April 1, 2026, DCS filed a Motion to Stay Petition for Review Deadline so it could ask the Court of Appeals for Clarification of its March 6, 2026, decision. On April 6, 2026, this Court granted DCS's Motion to Stay; ordered the parties to file a status report with the Court every 60 days starting from the date of its order; and ordered the parties to notify the Court within fifteen days of the resolution of this matter in the lower court.
- On April 15, 2026, DCS filed its Motion for Clarification with the Court of Appeals. On May 28, 2026, the Court of Appeals issued an order denying the Motion for Clarification. That same day, James M. filed a Motion to Reinstate the Petition for Review and Set a Due Date for DCS to File Its Petition for Review. After consideration,
- IT IS ORDERED granting the Motion to Reinstate the Petition for Review and Set a Due Date for DCS to File Its Petition for Review.
- IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that DCS shall file its Petition for Review no later than June 22, 2026. No extensions of time to file the Petition for Review shall be granted absent extraordinary circumstances. (Hon. Kathryn H. King)
9. 2-Jun-2026 FILED: DCS's Notice of No Petition for Review; Certificate of Service (Appellee DCS)