

**Arizona Supreme Court**  
**Civil Special Action**

**CV-26-0151-SA**

**BAKHUTASHVILI v STATE BAR OF ARIZONA et al**

**Appellate Case Information**

Case Filed: 6-May-2026  
Case Closed:

**Dept/Composition**

**Side 1. VAKHTANG BAKHUTASHVILI, Petitioner**

(Litigant Group) VAKHTANG BAKHUTASHVILI

- Vakhtang Bakhutashvili PRO SE

**Side 2. STATE BAR OF ARIZONA et al., Respondent**

(Litigant Group) STATE BAR OF ARIZONA

- State Bar of Arizona
- (Litigant Group) Robert J Dilk & Associates, PLLC
- Robert J. Dilk & Associates, PLLC
- (Litigant Group) AZ Cigar, Inc.
- AZ Cigar Inc.

**CASE STATUS**

May 6, 2026..... Pending

**15 PROCEEDING ENTRIES**

- 6-May-2026 FILED: Petition for Special Action; Certificate of Compliance; Cover Sheet; Exhibits A-K (Petitioner Bakhutashvili, Pro Se)
- 6-May-2026 FILED: Exhibit H; Exhibit H; Exhibit I; Exhibit K (Petitioner Bakhutashvili, Pro Se)
- 6-May-2026 FILED: Appellate Application for Deferral or Waiver of Court Fees and Consent to Entry of Judgment; (Proposed) Blank Order; Proof 1; Proof 2 (Petitioner Bakhutashvili, Pro Se)
- 11-May-2026 ORDERED: Appellate Application for Deferral or Waiver of Court Fees and Consent to Entry of Judgment (Petitioner Bakhutashvili, Pro Se) = DEFERRAL GRANTED/ No Payments Due Until Further Notice (Aaron C. Nash, Clerk)
- 14-May-2026 SENT: Letter to Petitioner Re Certificate of Service
- 15-May-2026 FILED: Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service; (Copy of) Order Re Court Fees; (Duplicate) Appellate Application for Deferral or Waiver of Court Fees and Consent to Entry of Judgment (Petitioner Bakhutashvili, Pro Se)
- 19-May-2026 FILED: Motion to Amend Case Caption to Conform to the Electronic Filing Record Generated by AZ Turbocourt at Inception; Certificate of Service; (Duplicate) Appellate Application for Deferral or Waiver of Court Fees and Consent to Entry of Judgment; (Copy of) Order Re Court Fees (Petitioner Bakhutashvili, Pro Se)
- 19-May-2026 SENT: Letter to Petitioner Re Motion
- 19-May-2026 FILED: (Amended Per Letter Sent 5/19/26) Motion to Amend Case Caption to Conform to the Electronic Filing Record Generated by AZ Turbocourt at Inception; Certificate of Service; (Copy of) Order Re Court Fees; (Duplicate) Appellate Application for Deferral or Waiver of Court Fees and Consent to Entry of Judgment (Petitioner Bakhutashvili, Pro Se)
- 23-May-2026 FILED: Petitioner's Formal Notice of Documented Patter of Judicial Record Falsification, Fraud Upon the Court, and Demand for Written Administrative Justification; Certificate of Service; Exhibit A Unauthorized Docket Alteration May11 CV-26-0151-SA; Exhibit B Unauthorized Docket Alteration May15 CV-26-0151-SA (Petitioner Bakhutashvili, Pro Se)
- 24-May-2026 FILED: Petitioner's Emergency Motion for Special Action and Request for Immediate Relief; Certificate of Service; (Duplicate) Appellate Application for Deferral or Waiver of Court Fees and Consent to Entry of Judgment; (Copy of) Order Re Court Fees (Petitioner Bakhutashvili, Pro Se)
- 28-May-2026 FILED: Notice of Service; [STRICKEN per 6/1/26 Order]Certificate of Service; Petition for Special Action; (Copy of) Order Re Court Fees (Petitioner Bakhutashvili, Pro Se)

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13. 1-Jun-2026 On May 6, 2026, Petitioner Vakhtang Bakhutashvili, pro se, filed a "Petition for Special Action," and on May 19, 2026 a "Motion to Amend Case Caption to Conform to the Electronic Filing Record Generated by AZTurboCourt at Inception" ("Motion"). Petitioner names as respondents State Bar of Arizona, Robert J. Dilk & Associates, PLLC, and AZ Cigar, Inc.
- On May 24, 2026, Petitioner filed "Petitioner's Emergency Motion for Special Action and Request for Immediate Relief" under this same case number. Petitioner alleges "[t]his Emergency Special Action is brought directly against the Arizona Department of Insurance and Financial Institutions ("DIFI") for documented constitutional violations under the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, specifically: denial of access to justice, obstruction of judicial proceedings, and violation of due process." Petitioner alleges that DIFI has blocked his emails to DIFI, and "[b]y cutting off Petitioner's sole available electronic communication channel, DIFI interfered with Petitioner's access to the courts and obstructed participation in an active case pending before the Arizona Supreme Court."
- The proper venue for Petitioner's constitutional claims against a state agency is in superior court. See Rule 6(a)(2), Ariz. R.P. Spec. Act. ("An original special action involving an officer or body of the State of Arizona must be filed in the Superior Court in Maricopa County or the plaintiff's county of residence."), and Rule 6(c), Ariz. R.P. Spec. Act. ("If an original special action is filed in an appellate court and the action might have been properly initiated in a lower court, the complaint must state the reasons for not filing in the lower court. If the appellate court finds these reasons insufficient, it will dismiss the complaint without prejudice."). Therefore,
- IT IS ORDERED denying the May 24, 2026 "Petitioner's Emergency Motion for Special Action and Request for Immediate Relief" without prejudice. The Petition for Special Action will be considered in due course. (Hon. Kathryn H. King)
14. 1-Jun-2026 On May 19, 2026, Petitioner Vakhtang Bakhutashvili, pro se, filed a "Motion to Amend Case Caption to Conform to the Electronic Filing Record Generated by AZTurboCourt at Inception" ("Motion"). Upon consideration,
- IT IS ORDERED granting the Motion. The Clerk's Office will amend the caption to show as respondents the State Bar of Arizona; Robert J. Dilk & Associates, PLLC; and AZ Cigar, Inc. This caption will be used for all future filings.
- IT IS FURTHER ORDERED directing the Clerk's Office to distribute this Order to the current distribution list. Thereafter, the Clerk's Office is directed to remove all parties from the distribution list who are not named as respondents in this proceeding.
- Petitioner filed a Petition for Special Action on May 6, 2026 ("Petition"). Pursuant to Rule 7(d)(2) of the Arizona Rules of Procedure for Special Actions,
- IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that service of the Petition, the Motion, and this Order shall be made by Petitioner on respondents as provided in Rules 4, 4.1, and 4.2 of the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure. Petitioner shall file a certificate of service under Rule 5(c)(3) of the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure.
- In the Petition and Motion, Petitioner has identified the following information:  
Petitioner: VAKHTANG BAKHUTASHVILI  
Petitioner's Address: Abkhazia, Sukhumi 6600, Georgia  
Parties to be served:  
STATE BAR OF ARIZONA  
ROBERT J DILK & ASSOCIATES, PLLC (USPTO Reg. No. 72,536)  
AZ CIGAR INC., ID 09686104 (DBA Hiland's Cigars)
- The Court will determine whether to accept jurisdiction without oral argument.  
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the response to the relief requested in the Petition shall be filed and served no later than 20 days after service of this Order, the Petition, and the Motion.
- IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner may file a reply to the response no later than 20 days after service of the response.
- IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that filing and service of court documents will be through AZTurboCourt.
- A failure to plead or otherwise defend may result in a default judgment against that party for the relief demanded in the pleading.
- Requests for reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities must be made to the court by parties at least 3 working days in advance of a scheduled court proceeding.
- On May 28, 2026, Petitioner filed a certificate of service stating that "Petitioner hereby certifies that on May 15, 2026, a copy of this Petition for Special Action was electronically transmitted pursuant to Rule 5(c)(2)(D) of the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure." The Court notes that such service does not comply with the service requirements of Rule 7(d)(2) of the Arizona Rules of Procedure for Special Actions, which requires service under Rules 4, 4.1, and 4.2 of the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure. Therefore,
- IT IS FURTHER ORDERED striking the May 28, 2026 Certificate of Service. (Hon. Kathryn H. King)
15. 2-Jun-2026 FILED: Motion to Recuse Duty Justice Kathryn H. King, Vacate the June 1, 2026 Order, and Authorize Alternative Service; Certificate of Service; (Duplicate) Appellate Application for Deferral or Waiver of Court Fees and Consent to Entry of Judgment; (Copy of) Order Re Court Fees (Petitioner Bakhutashvili, Pro Se)