

Arizona Supreme Court
State Bar Conditional Admission

SB-25-0074-C

In the Matter of WILLIAM CLAYTON GALLOWAY

Appellate Case Information

Case Filed: 21-Nov-2025
Case Closed:

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Side 1. In the Matter of WILLIAM CLAYTON GALLOWAY, Applicant
(Litigant Group) In the Matter of WILLIAM CLAYTON GALLOWAY

• William Clayton Galloway

(Litigant Group) COMMITTEE ON CHARACTER AND FITNESS

• Committee on Character and Fitness, Other

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CASE STATUS

Feb 11, 2026....Case Closed

Feb 11, 2026....Decision Rendered

7 PROCEEDING ENTRIES

1. 21-Nov-2025 FILED: Findings of Fact and Recommendation for Conditional Admission; Certificate of Service; Terms of Conditional Admission (Committee on Character and Fitness)
2. 21-Nov-2025 FILED: (Duplicate) Findings of Fact with Exhibits A- II (Committee on Character and Fitness)
3. 11-Dec-2025 FILED: Motion to Seal Under Rule 36(h)(3); Certificate of Service (Applicant Galloway)
4. 16-Dec-2025 FILED: Response to Motion to Seal under Rule 36(h)(3); Certificate of Service (Committee on Character and Fitness)
5. 11-Feb-2026 On November 21, 2025, the Committee on Character and Fitness ("Committee") submitted its Findings of Fact and Recommendation for Conditional Admission as to the application for William Clayton Galloway for admission to the practice of law. Applicant has also filed a Motion to Seal Under Rule 36(h)(3), and the Committee has no objection to the sealing of the Exhibits.

IT IS ORDERED the Motion to Seal is granted. The exhibits filed in this proceeding will remain restricted from the public.

The Court notes three representations in the Motion to Seal:

Arizona law recognizes that Character & Fitness matters necessarily involve highly personal information and fall under this Court's supervisory authority. See Application of Levine, 97 Ariz. 88, 91 (1964); In re Anonymous Applicant, 154 Ariz. 326, 328 (1987).
Arizona appellate courts recognize that courts possess inherent authority to seal judicial records when necessary to protect sensitive personal information. See Phoenix Newspapers, Inc. v. Ellis, 215 Ariz. 268, 271-72 (App. 2007); Carlson v. Pima County, 141 Ariz. 487, 491 (1984); Scottsdale Unified Sch. Dist. No. 48 v. KPNX Broad. Co., 191 Ariz. 297, 300 (App. 1998); Bolm v. Custodian of Records, 193 Ariz. 35, 39 (App. 1998).

In Lake, the Court similarly recognized that internal personnel communications may be withheld because they expose sensitive, non-public employment details. 222 Ariz. at 553 ¶23.

The Court generally agrees with the arguments in the Motion to Seal but is not able to ascertain (1) the case cited as "In re Anonymous Applicant"; (2) how Carlson, KPNX and Bolm—all cases involving public records requests—apply to the courts' inherent authority to seal judicial records; and (3) the case cited as "Lake."

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED Applicant will submit an explanation for these statements no later than two weeks from the date of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED denying review of the Findings of Fact and Recommendation for Admission with Conditions. The Committee's recommendation for admission with conditions is final and the panel will issue the Order of Conditional Admission. (Hon. Ann A. Scott Timmer)
6. 25-Feb-2026 FILED: Response to Court's Request for Citation Explanation; Certificate of Service (Applicant Galloway)
7. 3-Mar-2026 Having granted Applicant's Motion to Seal in its February 11, 2026 order,

IT IS ORDERED directing the Clerk to close this matter.

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