State of Arizona

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition	of Complaint 24-265
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Complainant:

Judge:

ORDER

January 17, 2025

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge conducted an independent investigation and discussed a case with a family member.

The role of the Commission on Judicial Conduct is to impartially determine whether a judicial officer has engaged in conduct that violates the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct or Article 6.1 of the Arizona Constitution. There must be clear and convincing evidence of such a violation in order for the Commission to take disciplinary action against a judicial officer.

The Commission reviewed all relevant available information and concluded there was not clear and convincing evidence of ethical misconduct in this matter. The complaint is therefore dismissed pursuant to Commission Rules 16(a) and 23(a).

Commission member Roger D. Barton did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on January 17, 2025.

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

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Specifically, there is clear and irrefutable proof showing investigation into the facts of the case, and following a tip (filed in which some of her factual "findir trial. Rather, there is no question the judge made factual media websites regarding this case. At no time did Judge conducted an independent investigation into the facts of	ench trial on she issued a ruling gs" were not based on any evidenced admitted at I findings based on comments copied from social e ever disclose the fact that she had
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11	In Re Matter of:	Case No:	
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16	Alle,	(Presiding Judge – Hon.)
17	Respondent.		
18	Pursuant to Rule 6.1 Ariz. R. Fam	. L.P. Petitioner	(" " 01
19	"Petitioner") submits the following Notice	ce of Change of Judge for	Cause, and
20	memorandum and affidavit in support thereo	f.	
21	As explained below, there is clear	and convincing evidence demo	nstrating the
22	judge currently assigned to this matter – Hon	- is biased, pre	ejudiced, and
23	has engaged in conduct which violates both	right to due process of	of law under
24	both the United States and Arizona Constit	utions, and which separately vi	olated Rules
25	2.9(A) and 2.9(C) of the Arizona Rules of Ju	idicial Conduct by, inter alia: 1.) performing
26	an independent investigation into the facts of	this case; 2.) considering (and r	elying upon)
27	information posted on the Internet about	this case; and 3.) engaging	in ex parte
28	communications regarding this case with her		

1	This conduct, while sufficient to warrant additional other relief (including, but not
2	limited to, a new trial), establishes grounds to disqualify Judge on the basis of bias
3	and prejudice within the meaning of A.R.S. § 12-409(5). For these reasons,
4	respectfully requests the Family Court Presiding Judge, Hon. review this
5	matter and to find that grounds exist to disqualify Judge , and to promptly reassign
6	this matter to a new judge.
7	In the event Judge disputes the allegations set forth below, requests
8	that the Family Court Presiding Judge set this matter for an evidentiary hearing pursuant
9	to Family Law Rule 6.1(d)(2), and that upon doing so, the Court approve the issuance of
0	subpoenas ad testificandum to Judge and her .
1	I. CASE SUMMARY/BACKGROUND
12	The facts of this matter are set forth in detail in the affidavit of counsel submitted
13	herewith. In short, this case began as a simple paternity establishment action, with one
4	uncommon wrinkle — Respondent (" " or "Respondent") is a
15	minor celebrity as a result of his appearance on
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3	positive for pregnancy on <u>five separate occasions</u> before this case was filed:
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5	type pregnancy test which was positive. The next day, on went to a
6	for a professional pregnancy test. The test at was also positive.
7	After informed of these positive tests, on
8	invited to his home to discuss the situation. Upon arrival, surprised
9	with a home pregnancy test he had purchased, and he demanded she take the test
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11	claims she went to the bathroom and took the test behind a closed, or partially
12	closed door). In any event, this third test was also positive.
13	After the parties were unable to reach an agreement on how to deal with the
14	situation, and after two more positive tests, filed this action, on .
15	Upon filing and through the present, this matter was assigned to Hon.
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17	response, claimed " occurred between the parties, not sexual
18	intercourse, and he further alleged "
19	claims that while the matter was pending, she had a blood test done on
20	which confirmed, yet again, she was pregnant, but the test results
21	suggested the pregnancy was not viable (i.e., it was likely to end in miscarriage). About a
22	month later, on was seen by an OB/GYN facility called
23	where it was confirmed she was no longer pregnant.
24	After learning she was no longer pregnant, filed nothing further in this case,
25	and she took no actions to prosecute the matter any further. Because is not an
26	attorney, she was not familiar with the process for seeking a voluntary dismissal. On
27	, court administration issued a notice placing this matter on the inactive
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1	Shortly before the case was due to be dismissed for inactivity, retained
2	counsel, , who appeared in this matter for the first time on ,
3	immediately filed several pleadings including a Motion to Amend
4	Answer to the petition (filed on), and a Motion for Rule 26
5	Sanctions (filed on). Notably, filed these pleadings
6	without making any attempt to meet and confer with as required by Family Law
7	Rule 9(c), and he moved for Rule 26 sanctions without ever providing written notice to
8	of her right to amend or withdraw her petition as required by Family Law Rule
9	26(c)(2)(B).
10	Shortly thereafter, retained counsel, , who appeared on
11	and filed a Motion to Dismiss With Prejudice on .
12	Days later, withdrew from this matter, with consent, on
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۱4	Confusingly, on Judge issued an order granting
15	Motion to Dismiss. In that ruling, the court indicated: "
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17	"Judge then set an evidentiary hearing
18	on those issues for
19	The undersigned was first retained to represent on . After
20	appearing in this case, undersigned counsel quickly discovered that filed
21	the Rule 26 Motion for Sanctions (among other pleadings) without first consulting with
22	(or her counsel), and the sanctions motion was filed without giving the mandatory
23	10-day written warning required by providing written notice to of her right to
24	withdraw her petition as required by Family Law Rule 26(c)(2)(B). After counsel
25	discussed these problems, and despite initially refusing to do so, on
26	filed a motion to withdraw his Rule 26 Motion for Sanctions. Unfortunately,
27	that request was not timely ruled on by the Court, resulting in the undersigned filing a
28	Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings as to the issue of sanctions on .
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On , a minute entry order was issued explaining the Court had intended to *grant* request to withdraw his Motion for Sanctions, but "
..." Despite the Motion for

Sanctions being withdrawn, and despite no other sanctions or fees motions pending, the case proceeded to trial on .

On (filed), Judge issued an order finding in favor of as to substantially all issues in the case, and awarding attorney's fees in an amount to be determined by later application. The post-trial order also purported to find lied about being pregnant in this case, as well as other matters, and that she may have committed perjury in this case, or elsewhere (the order is not entirely clear). Based on those findings, Judge referred this matter to the

Since receiving the post-trial decision, has discovered evidence of extremely serious misconduct by Judge which is more than sufficient to remove her from this case for cause. will also seek, by separate motion, a new trial and a complete reversal of *all* prior rulings issued in this case by Judge due to her misconduct, in addition to other relief.

II. LEGAL STANDARD

Family Law Rule 6.1(a) provides: "(a) Grounds. A party seeking a change of judge for cause must establish grounds by affidavit as required by A.R.S. § 12–409." Among other reasons, A.R.S. § 12–409 permits disqualification of a judge by showing: "the party filing the affidavit has cause to believe and does believe that on account of the bias, prejudice, or interest of the judge he cannot obtain a fair and impartial trial."

It is important to note A.R.S. § 12–409 does not contain any express time limits for seeking a change of judge, but Arizona courts have read that statute as containing an implicit limit – a party cannot ask to disqualify a judge under A.R.S. § 12–409 after a trial has begun. *See Del Castillo v. Wells*, 523 P.2d 92, 94 (App.Div. 1 1974) (explaining under A.R.S. § 12–409, "if a judge is allowed to receive evidence which of necessity is to

be used and weighed in deciding the ultimate issues, it is too late to disqualify him on the ground of bias and prejudice.")

At the same time, the *Del Castillo* court also noted requests to disqualify a judge made under *other authority*, not A.R.S. § 12–409 (such as Civil Procedure Rule 42(f)) are not subject to the same implicit restrictions as requests under § 12–409. Instead, *Del Castillo* explains if a request is made under *other* authority, the outcome is controlled by the text and substance of the specific rule invoked; "Clearly in enacting [Civil Procedure] Rule 42(f) providing for a specific procedure for a change of judge, the Supreme Court 'modified or suspended' the then existing procedure for a change of judge as a matter of right outlined in § 12-409." *Del Castillo*, 523 P.2d at 95. Thus, for example, in a civil matter, a party may waive his or her right to a change of judge as a matter of right if "the judge rules on any contested issue" Ariz. R. Civ. P. 42.1(d)(2).

Here, Family Law Rule 6.1 does not contain the same waiver language. On the contrary, Rule 6.1 only requires that a party seek a change of judge for cause within 20 days after discovering the basis for the request, and the rule expressly provides "Case events or actions taken before that discovery do not waive a party's right to a change of judge for cause." (emphasis added). This broader rule (which permits a change of judge after trial) makes sense given that family law cases are, unlike civil matters, often continuing in nature. Because a family court judge may hold multiple trials and/or evidentiary hearings in the same case over a span of many years, it would make no sense to interpret Rule 6.1 as depriving a party of their right to disqualify a judge for cause simply because that judge held one or more earlier hearings before the grounds for disqualification were discovered. Rather, the text of the rule merely requires a party to raise the issue promptly, even if that occurs after a trial or hearing is completed.

As explained in the concurrently filed affidavit of counsel, the grounds upon which a change of judge are requested in this case are primarily based on misconduct committed by Judge which shows her post-trial ruling (filed) contained findings that were *not* based on the evidence admitted at trial. Rather, Judge

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made findings based on an improper *ex parte* investigation she conducted which included reviewing information posted on the Internet about this case. Until Judge post-trial ruling was issued on (less than days ago), did not know and could not possibly have known of the judge's misconduct in this regard.

Although this single issue is sufficient to grant the relief requested, there is also evidence showing *other* misconduct committed by Judge , including the fact she engaged in an improper *ex parte* discussion of the facts of this case with

, in violation of Rule 2.9(A) of the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct. Although (and undersigned counsel) heard rumors about appearing at the trial on , the specific details of exactly what occurred, and proof to establish these facts, was not fully known until undersigned counsel returned from his pre-planned vacation on

For those reasons, this request is timely pursuant to Family Law Rule 6.1(c) because it has been brought within 20 days of discovering the grounds upon which the request is based.

III. DISCUSSION

a. Clear And Convincing Evidence Shows Judge Improper Ex Parte Investigation Into The Facts Conducted An

The details of the grounds for disqualification are set forth in the affidavit of counsel submitted herewith. To summarize those grounds, this request is primarily based on the fact there is clear, irrefutable evidence that Judge conducted an *ex parte* investigation into the facts of this case <u>AND</u>, even worse, at least one of her post-trial factual findings on a critically important issue was based *solely* on information posted on the Internet and not based on the evidence admitted at trial.

Because episodes of such brazen and blatant judicial misconduct are thankfully rare, comparable examples in Arizona are difficult to find. However, something very similar occurred in *Reprimand of Judge B. Carlton Terry, Jr*, North Carolina Judicial Standards Commission Inquiry No. 08-234 (April 1, 2009) (a copy of which is submitted

herewith). That case, like this matter, involved a family court proceeding. In *Terry*, the assigned judge posted comments about the case on Facebook, and he also "used the internet site 'Google' to find information about [a party's] photography business." The judge also visited the website of a party, and copied a poem from that party's website which he recited at trial.

Upon discovering these facts, one of the parties moved to disqualify the judge, asked to vacate the judge's post-trial orders, and to have the case reassigned. Those requests were granted in their entirety, and the North Carolina Judicial Standards Commission later publicly reprimanded the judge for this conduct, finding he committed multiple violations of the Canons of Judicial Conduct, including by "conducting [an] independent *ex parte* online research about a party presently before the Court" and by having *ex parte* discussions about the case. The Commission found the judge's actions were "prejudicial to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute."

Exactly the same rules and standards apply here. It is axiomatic that in civil cases in the State of Arizona, juries are *never* permitted to conduct "*trial by Google*":

Research related to the case, <u>including internet research</u>, is <u>strictly forbidden</u>. Do not do any research or conduct any type of investigation about the case, the facts, the parties, the witnesses, the attorneys, or any person or entity related to the case. <u>Do not look for information on the internet</u>, or from any other source, about the case or about the facts or <u>issues related to the case</u>. In other words, do not try to find out information from any source outside this courtroom. The reason for this is that you must base any decision only on the evidence that is produced here in the courtroom. <u>You must base any decision only on the evidence that is produced here in the courtroom</u>, because the fairness of the trial depends on both parties knowing exactly what evidence you are considering so that they can respond to it or address it in their arguments.

REVISED JURY INSTRUCTIONS (CIVIL), 7TH (PRELIMINARY 9 – Admonition).

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Notwithstanding all their other powers and responsibilities, judges acting as fact finders in a bench trial are subject to <u>exactly</u> the same rule as jurors – a judge may <u>never</u> "investigate facts in a matter independently, and shall consider only the evidence presented and any facts that may properly be judicially noticed." Ariz. Sup. Ct. Rule 81, Code of Judicial Conduct Rule 2.9(C) (and comment 6, explaining, "The prohibition against a judge independently investigating the facts in a matter extends to information available in all mediums, including electronic.")

As explained in the affidavit of counsel submitted herewith, there is no question Judge violated this most basic core requirement of fairness. She did so by making a " – and by falsely critical factual finding - that " attributing that finding to a trial witness (medical expert,) who said no such thing. Rather than basing this finding of the evidence admitted at trial, the only possible source of this information was an independent investigation into the facts of this case by the judge, which included looking at social media and/or other website comments (it is irrelevant exactly which sites Judge viewed or when she viewed them, because any such ex parte investigation was per se a violation of right to fundamental fairness).

Furthermore, although Judicial Conduct Rule 2.9(C) does allow a judge to base findings on facts which "may properly be judicially noticed", the business hours of locations in in is *not* a fact subject to judicial notice (nor did Judge claim she took judicial notice of that fact). This exact issue was discussed in ABA Formal Opinion 478 which offered the following hypothetical:

overtime pay, defendant's counsel explains that the plaintiff could not have worked more than 40 hours per week because defendant's restaurant is in an "industrial area" and only open for breaks and lunch during the workweek and not on weekends. The judge is familiar with the area and

Hypothetical #1: In a proceeding before the judge in a case involving

skeptical of counsel's claims. The judge checks websites like Yelp and Google Maps, which list the restaurant as being open from 7 am to 10 pm,

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seven days each week. Does this search violate Rule 2.9(C) of the Model Code of Judicial Conduct?

Analysis #1: This search violates Rule 2.9(C) of the Model Code of Judicial Conduct because the restaurant's hours of operation are key to whether the plaintiff could prevail on a claim of unpaid overtime. The judge should ask the parties and their counsel to provide admissible evidence as to the restaurant's hours of operation.

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ABA Formal Opinion 478, Independent Factual Research by Judges Via the Internet (Dec. 8, 2017) (emphasis added).²

Again, because such blatant misconduct is rare, there is no directly controlling comparable Arizona precedent on this issue (of course the Code of Judicial Conduct as adopted by the Arizona Supreme Court is controlling here). However, courts in other states have consistently agreed – this type of judicial misconduct is *per se* unlawful and it entitles the movant to automatic relief regardless of whether the error was harmless. See, e.g., Davis v. United States, 567 A.2d 36, 42 (D.C.Cir. 1989) (reversing conviction and ordering new trial where judge asked a law clerk to perform independent investigation into the facts of the case, and explaining, "under our system of laws, a judge is not an investigator; the investigative function belongs to the parties and their agents. Laudable goals and lofty purposes cannot be attained when the cost is the loss, or even the appearance of loss, of judicial impartiality.") (emphasis added) (citing Kennedy v. Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., 551 F.2d 593, 596 (5th Cir. 1977) (reversing conviction and ordering new trial where the trial judge's law clerk personally visited the scene of the slip-and-fall accident, and clerk later testified about the outcome of his investigation; "It was unacceptable that the most damaging evidence against the defendants in this case was brought about by the intervention of a court official in the accumulation of evidence. . . . It was the law clerk's duty as much as that of the trial judge to avoid any contacts outside the record that might affect the outcome of the litigation[]" and further explaining, "the law clerk's 'private view of an accident in litigation' was a prohibited ex

² Available at: https://www.abajournal.com/images/main_images/FO_478_FINAL_12_07_17.pdf

parte communication that violated Code of Judicial Conduct); State v. Dorsey, 701 N.W.2d 238, 249-50 (Minn. 2005) (reversing conviction and ordering a new trial after judge independently investigated facts of case; noting such conduct constitutes a per se violation of due process which requires automatic reversal without applying harmless error analysis; "when a defendant has been deprived of an impartial judge, automatic reversal is required This deprivation constituted a structural error, which precludes harmless-error analysis") (emphasis added) (citing Arizona v. Fulminante, 499 U.S. 279, 309 (1991)).

Based on this authority, Judge must be disqualified on the basis of bias and prejudice as reflected by her gross misconduct. There is no question one of the most critical factual findings in this case was the issue of whether "

"(the specific reasons why that fact was critical are explained in greater detail in the affidavit of counsel submitted herewith). In her post trial ruling, Judge made a specific finding that "

", and she attributed that statement to the testimony of medical expert,"

But the trial transcript leaves ZERO question — never testified to this fact, nor did any other witness. Moreover, on the day of trial, this fact WAS *repeatedly* and broadly published on social media sites and by anonymous third party comments appearing on the personal website of undersigned counsel.

These facts demonstrate that Judge did exactly what the rules expressly prohibit – she conducted her own independent investigation into the facts, and then used the results of that investigation to reach an adverse decision. This is a *profound* violation of rights, and of the rights of the people of County who trust their disputes will settled by impartial jurists according to law; "To be impartial, the fact-finder must base its conclusions on the facts in evidence and must not reach conclusions based on evidence sought or obtained beyond that adduced in court. When the fact-finder violates this principle, the result is structural error requiring automatic reversal." *State v. Foote*, 2020 WL 54282, *4 (Minn.App. 2020) (cleaned up) (quoting *Dorsey*, 701 N.W.2d

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at 249-50)); see also Tribbitt v. Tribbitt, 963 A.2d 1128, 1131 (Del. 2008) ("we hold that ... the Family Court committed reversible error when it rejected unrefuted testimony by the Husband's expert and substituted for that testimony the results of its own internet search.") (emphasis added)).

b. Other Evidence Supports A Finding Of Judicial Bias

The law is clear – a single instance of misconduct by a trial judge is sufficient to establish bias and require disqualification of the judge. As explained above, the evidence proves Judge undertook an independent investigation into the facts, and by doing so, she manifested bias sufficient to require her disqualification.

But the evidence of bias and misconduct is not limited to just the "

" issue. Rather, as explained in the affidavit of counsel submitted herewith, another separate issue also establishes Judge bias – there is evidence showing the judge shared information about this case with

, and that he not only appeared at the trial as a spectator, he later socialized with cult-like supporters, telling them, comically, " ."

It is difficult to image a more disrespectful, disreputable, and disgraceful act for any judge to commit than inviting to attend a high-profile trial *in support of a party*, while also privately engaging in prohibited *ex parte* discussions about the case with . These actions made a mockery of these proceedings. As shown in the video clips submitted herewith, supporters *gleefully* celebrated Judge

participation in the case, even going so far as to laughingly ask people not to spread information about his participation because, after all, "

." For once, those followers were exactly right – the conduct of Judge and absolutely warrant a mistrial (or more accurately, a retrial, before a different, unbiased judge).

This shameful conduct not only violated rights, it raises serious questions regarding Judge fitness as a Judge of the Superior Court. Any reasonable objective observer in position would be justified in wondering, "

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Assuming the published allegations of Judge are true (as documented, on video, by own followers), this proves Judge separately violated Rule 2.9(A) of the Code of Judicial Conduct. And Judge blatant, pervasive disregard for her ethical duties and her disrespect for fundamental rights helps explain the judge's *numerous* (and otherwise heretofore inexplicable) adverse rulings during this action.

As a general rule, prejudice or bias is "a hostile feeling or spirit of ill-will, or undue friendship or favoritism, towards one of the litigants." *In re Guardianship of Styer*, 24 Ariz. App. 148, 151, 536 P.2d 717 (1975). At the same time, "To prove prejudice or bias, an appellant must point to relevant facts *other than adverse judicial rulings.*" *In re Marriage of Kintopp*, 2022 WL 223743, *3 (App.Div. 2 2022) (emphasis added) (citing *Stagecoach Trails MHC v. City of Benson*, 232 Ariz. 562, ¶ 21 (App.Div. 2 2013); *Smith v. Smith*, 115 Ariz. 299, 303, 564 P.2d 1266 (App. 1977) ("bias and prejudice necessary to disqualify a judge must arise from an extra-judicial source.")

In the *vast majority* of disqualification requests when the movant argues judicial bias, they can point to no evidence to support that claim other than adverse rulings. *See Simon v. Maricopa Med. Ctr.*, 225 Ariz. 55, 63 (App.Div. 1 2010) (finding no proof of bias where movant "has alleged no facts supporting his claim the judge was biased except that the judge consistently ruled against him.")

The unique facts and circumstances described above make this case one of the exceedingly rare exceptions in which the trial judge manifested clear prejudice and/or bias *early* in the proceedings, in the form of multiple, unexplained adverse rulings (described in the affidavit of counsel submitted herewith), but unlike 99% of cases, here there is clear *extra-judicial* evidence showing the true reason for those rulings was, in fact, "a

1	." The evidence of Judge misconduct ,
2	discovered only after the trial, supports a finding of bias which does arise from an extra-
3	judicial source, and not merely the adverse rulings themselves, and disqualification may
4	be separately supported on that basis.
5	IV. CONCLUSION
6	For the reasons stated above, respectfully requests the Family Court
7	, review this matter and find that grounds exist to
8	disqualify Judge , and to promptly reassign this matter to a new judge.
9	In addition, given the clarity of the evidence and the severity of the misconduct,
10	and the harm caused to the judiciary as a result, further requests that the
11	Judge refer this matter to the Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct for further
12	investigation and action as may be appropriate.
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1	3. This affidavit is submitted pursuant to Rule 6.1(a) of the Arizona Rules of
2	Family Law Procedure and A.R.S. § 12–409.
3	4. As explained below, I have cause to believe, and on these grounds I do
4	believe, that on account of bias, prejudice, or other interests the judge currently assigned
5	to this matter, Hon. , is unable to act fairly and impartially, and is unable to
6	provide Petitioner (" " or " ") with a fair trial, including a
7	fair retrial which is concurrently requesting.
8	5. For these reasons, requests that the Family Court,
9	Hon. , find that Judge is disqualified from all further proceedings in this
10	action, and that the case be immediately reassigned to a new judge pursuant to Family
11	Law Rule 6.1(d)(4).
12	CASE SUMMARY & PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND
13	6. This case began with a petition to establish paternity filed <i>pro se</i> by
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15	7. In her petition, claimed she had sexual relations with Respondent
16	(" "or" ") in on or about and
۱7	that she learned she was pregnant eleven days later on or around
18	8. Before filing this establishment action, claims she tested positive for
19	pregnancy on separate occasions:
20	The first test taken on was an at-home type pregnancy test which was
21	positive. The next day, on went to a facility for a
22	professional medical test. The test at was also positive.
23	9. After informed of these positive tests, on
24	invited to his home to discuss the situation. Upon arrival,
25	surprised with a home pregnancy test that he had purchased, and he demanded she
26	take the test immediately in front of him claims she took the test as
27	watched, while claims she went to the bathroom and took the test behind a
28	closed, or partially closed door). In any event, this test was also positive.
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1	10. After two more positive tests, the parties were unable to reach an agreement
2	on how to deal with the situation, so filed this action, <i>pro se</i> , on
3	11. On filed a <i>pro se</i> response denying paternity. In
4	his response, claimed " occurred between the parties, not sexual
5	intercourse, and he further alleged "."
6	12. claims that while the matter was pending, she had a blood test done
7	on which confirmed, yet again, she was pregnant, but the test results
8	also suggested the pregnancy was not viable (i.e., it was likely to end in miscarriage).
9	13. On was seen by an OB/GYN facility called
10	where it was confirmed she was no longer pregnant.
11	14. After learning she was no longer pregnant, filed nothing further in
12	this case, and she took no actions to prosecute the matter any further.
13	15. On court administration issued a notice placing this
14	matter on the inactive calendar and scheduling the matter for dismissal on
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16	16. As noted above, when the case was initially filed, neither party was
17	represented by counsel. Both and remained pro se throughout the
18	proceedings until when retained counsel,
19	(") appeared in this case. immediately began
20	filing pleadings including a motion to amend Answer to the petition (filed on
21	, and a Motion for Rule 26 Sanctions (filed on
22	filed these pleadings without making any attempt to meet and confer with
23	as required by Family Law Rule 9(c), and he moved for Rule 26 sanctions without
24	ever providing written notice to of her right to withdraw her petition as required by
25	Family Law Rule 26(c)(2)(B).
26	17. Shortly thereafter, retained counsel who appeared
27	on and filed a Motion to Dismiss on . Days later,
28	withdrew from this matter, with consent, on
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1	18. I was first retained to represent on . Prior to
2	this, I did not know and had not represented her in any other matters. I also
3	did not know Respondent , and I knew nothing about this matter or any
4	other disputes between and
5	SUMMARY OF MEDIA/PUBLIC ATTENTION
6	19. Despite being an otherwise simple and short-lived paternity matter, this
7	case quickly gained local, national, and even international media attention and massive
8	public scrutiny. There appear to be two main reasons for this. First, is arguably
9	famous as a result of his recent appearance on
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11	20. This media attention is relevant and important to understanding the basis
12	for this Notice, because it appears the trial judge, , allowed the significant
13	media hype and public attention to overwhelm her better judgment, eventually causing
14	her to engage in conduct which violated right to due process including her right
15	to have this matter heard by a fair and impartial jurist. Because that issue is key to
16	understanding what happened here and the grounds for disqualification raised by
17	this subject is discussed in some detail below.
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22	24. This leads to the second aspect of this case which caused it to gain far more
23	media and public attention than normal – as the previous
24	has a large and , including
25	many followers on social media. For example,
26	followers on , see and more than
27	followers on
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2	coupled with the extremely odd allegations in this case (i.e., that "being
3	pregnant with) have caused this otherwise simple case to gain a <u>massive</u> amount
4	of public scrutiny and attention from local, national, and international news media.
5	26. In addition to being widely covered by traditional news outlets, this case
6	has also received massive attention on social media, including sites like ,
7	and , among others. For instance, anonymous " " of have created
8	social media pages focused entirely on this case, including a account using the
9	hubristic sobriquet " or ". The account has posted
10	<u>obsessively</u> about this case nearly <u>times</u> ; one example of which is shown below:
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25. These facts — fame and the huge popularity of

2	websites devoted solely to this case, and to promoting their belief that is
3	somehow a " " who deserves ". One such pro-
4	which contains copies of all, or substantially all, pleadings
5	filed in this case. This site also contains a one-sided narrative which highlights only those
6	facts favorable to version of events, while carefully avoiding any discussion of
7	facts unfavorable to narrative.
8	28. In addition to social media posts from his fans, himself has been
9	extremely personally active in publicly promoting this case, giving countless media
10	interviews in which he tells his side of the story. attorney, has
11	also published statements regarding this case, including a press release issued on
12	in which accused of fraud, suggesting she "
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15	29. In an attempt to respond to some of this one-sided narrative, acting at
16	request and with her written permission, I have occasionally posted comments
۱7	about this case online, primarily on my personal website:
18	and on my account: The purpose of these
19	comments has been, primarily if not exclusively, to respond to information being
20	circulated about this case by his lawyers, and/or his fans/supporters.
21	30. When I post comments on either or my personal website, members
22	of the public can, and often do, post responses/comments/replies. This point is important,
23	for reasons I will describe further below.
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25	Before discussing the specific issues and conduct giving rise to
26	request to disqualify Judge it is important to understand some of the other
27	participants who will be mentioned further below. Two such participants are individuals
28	named and .

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1	32. I do not personally know either or , but during the
2	course of this proceeding I have become generally familiar with them. According to his
3	channel, is a
4	stand up comedian who lives in also creates and publishes videos on
5	(nearly every day). videos often focus on and people, like
6	, who have
7	33. Over the last several months, has obsessively published
8	hundreds of hours of videos regarding this case (again, often on a daily basis), as
9	reflected on his channel below. These videos are generally, almost universally,
10	devoted to viciously attacking and often me), and to proclaiming that is a
11	who deserves ". Notably, has personally appeared in several of
12	videos, and it is clear that is <i>not</i> covering this case as a neutral
13	journalist, but rather as a passionate, obsessive, advocate for

1	34. Another " " following this case is an individual using the name
2	" who I believe is a resident of . I do not personally know
3	(I believe that name to be a pseudonym), but she has contacted me via email
4	several times during this case, and I understand that she claims to be a "who
5	publishes stories on an website.
6	35. Like also creates and publishes videos on her
7	channel here: Like ,
8	is a passionate supporter of the " cause, and her videos are
9	overwhelmingly devoted to " and destroying , while promoting the
10	narrative that is an innocent victim who deserves ".
11	36. and are mentioned because they are relevant to the
12	issues raised herein. This is so because they attended the trial held in this matter on
13	, and after the trial, both appeared on video claiming to have, or speaking with
14	others who claimed to have, direct knowledge regarding certain improper conduct
15	committed by Judge during the trial, including the fact that Judge allegedly
16	engaged in improper ex parte discussions about this case with
17	(who also personally group).
18	Those points are explained further below.
19	SUMMARY OF PRE-TRIAL JUDICIAL BIAS
20	37. Shortly after I became involved in this case in late , several
21	events occurred which initially caused concern regarding Judge possible bias and
22	lack of neutrality.
23	38. Specifically, immediately after retained me to represent her in this
24	matter, I attempted to obtain a copy of her file from her previous counsel.
25	39. Unfortunately, prior counsel did not promptly respond to this
26	request. This made it impossible for me to respond to a Motion to Compel filed by
27	before I was retained (the response to the Motion to Compel was due mere days
28	after I was retained).

- 40. Because I could not respond to the Motion to Compel without a complete copy of file, and because refused to agree to an extension of time, on , I filed a lengthy and well-supported motion seeking an extension of time to respond to the Motion to Compel. That motion explained the request was primarily based on the fact that I did not have a complete copy of file because her previous counsel did not promptly provide the file to me.
- 41. Despite the fact good cause existed for my request for an extension, and despite the fact did not oppose the motion, just days later on
- , Judge issued a one-sentence minute entry order (file) denying my extension request without any explanation.
- 42. As a lawyer who has practiced exclusively civil litigation for more than 20 years, it is *extremely* unusual (essentially unheard of) in my experience for a judge to deny an unopposed request for a short extension of time regarding a simple discovery matter, when good cause clearly exists for the request, when no prior extension requests had been made, and when the other party would not be prejudiced by the request. In fact, having litigated hundreds of matters in state and federal court over the course of my career, I cannot recall a single prior instance where a similar request was denied.
- 43. Of course, I am also well-aware that as a matter of law, adverse "[j]udicial rulings alone do not support a finding of bias or partiality without a showing of an extrajudicial source of bias or a deep-seated favoritism." *Stagecoach Trails MHC, L.L.C.* v. City of Benson, 232 Ariz. 562, 568 (App. Div. 2 2013) (citing State v. Schackart, 190 Ariz. 238, 257, 947 P.2d 315, 334 (1997)).
- 44. For that reason, I determined that although Judge unexplained and apparently baseless denial of my extension request raised concerns about possible bias, the adverse ruling, standing alone, could not support a finding of bias. As such, I took no action at that time.
- 45. Shortly thereafter, I discovered that in the Motion to Compel, counsel, , made multiple statements to the Court which appeared to be

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51. Taken together, Judge single-sentence, zero-explanation denial of these three motions: 1.) the request for an extension of time to respond to the Motion to Compel; 2.) the request for an order requiring to speak with me, and 3.) the request for a scheduling conference, caused me to have serious concerns regarding Judge possible bias and lack of neutrality. However, I continued to believe that despite the existence of what appeared to be apparent bias and hostility, Judge adverse rulings alone would not support a finding of bias sufficient to seek her disqualification because of the rule "[a] party challenging a trial judge's impartiality must overcome the presumption that trial judges are 'free of bias and prejudice[]' Simon v. Maricopa Med. Ctr., 225 Ariz. 55, ¶ 29, 234 P.3d 623, 631 (App. 2010), and the corollary standard that adverse "rulings alone do not support a finding of bias or partiality without a showing of an extrajudicial source of bias or a deep-seated favoritism." Stagecoach Trails, 232 Ariz. at 568.

SUMMARY OF JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT & BIAS AT TRIAL

- 52. This matter proceeded to a bench trial before Judge on
- 53. Prior to trial, I learned that and (among other supporters) were planning to attend the trial in support of . It is my personal belief that courts are publicly-funded fora, trials and legal proceedings belong to the public, and should always remain open to the public. I further believe, as a matter of law, that members of the public have a near-absolute right to observe and report on events which take place in court, so I viewed the public interest in attending and observing the trial as a good thing.
- 54. However, when I arrived at court on the morning of trial, I was surprised to see dozens if not hundreds of people waiting to watch the trial. Before trial began, Judge spoke to counsel in her chambers and informed us that she had created an "overflow room" for at least 50 observers to watch the trial, and the seating in the courtroom itself was packed with spectators. Judge informed counsel that she had taken certain security precautions due to the large crowd of spectators.

1	55. I found Judge comments about the crowd surprising, because prior
2	to the morning of trial, there was nothing filed in this matter (aside from a small number
3	of media requests for filming) that would suggest such a large crowd was likely to attend
4	Based on this, it appeared Judge gained some personal knowledge regarding the
5	likely crowd size that was not obtained from, nor shared with, the parties or counsel.
6	56. Shortly before trial began, I become aware that intended to
7	call a witness named is an . The
8	while living in .
9	57. During the relationship, claimed violently assaulted
10	her, causing that eventually resulted in developing
11	. Based on this abuse, sought and obtained a domestic violence restraining
12	order from the Court, a copy of which is attached hereto
13	as Exhibit A . That order, later renewed, remains valid and in effect as of today.
14	58. On posted a video on standing
15	next to (he appears on the right as shown here). In this video (and
16	elsewhere), suggested intended to appear at the trial in this
17	matter, despite the issued against him.
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1	59. On the morning of informed me that she saw
2	it the courthouse with and . Based on this, told
3	me she was too terrified to participate in the trial, and she told me she intended to leave
4	unless the was enforced. Having no other available option, I immediately
5	contacted court security and asked them to enforce the court's order by
6	removing from the facility.
7	60. Court Security officers informed me they did not believe they had
8	authority to enforce the order, and they suggested the only option was to call 911 and ask
9	to enforce the order. Based on that suggestion, I called 911, explained the
10	situation, and asked for officers to enforce the order.
11	61. After a few minutes, responded. They reviewed the
12	court's order, and I explained to them that pursuant to federal law (the
13), they were required to
14	enforce the court's order as-written. I provided the officers with a copy of the
15	specific provisions of which made interstate enforcement of the order <i>mandatory</i> ,
16	and I directed their attention to the specific language of the order, shown here, that
17	required the order to be enforced in all 50 states.
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62. I also explained that by travelling from to for the purpose of violating the order, committed a federal crime pursuant to , and that desired his arrest and prosecution.

63. Despite this, indicated they believed they had no choice but to defer to Judge on this issue. As a result, immediately prior to the start of trial, I

1	asked Judge on the record to enforce the court's order by removing
2	from the courtroom.
3	64. As she had done with substantially every other request, Judge denied
4	my request without any explanation. As a result, was forced to sit in court just feet
5	away from which caused her to nearly become overwhelmed by fear,
6	panic, and anxiety.
7	65. At the conclusion of the trial, I informed Judge , on the record, that I
8	was leaving the country later that evening for a family vacation in to celebrate my
9	birthday. I left the evening of , and I remained in
10	until I returned home on . The majority of this time was spent on a cruise ship in
11	with my family, and during that time, my Internet access was
12	extremely limited. The ship's WiFi connection was so slow that I was unable to view
13	videos posted on any medium (including) during the cruise.
14	66. While I was on vacation, contacted me and told me about some
15	extremely disturbing information being shared on social media by and
16	. Specifically, and appeared in several live-streamed and other
17	videos in which they claimed Judge , was present in the
18	overflow room during the trial, and they claimed spoke with several of
19	supporters during and after the trial, proclaiming, ."
20	Another individual claimed Judge father sat " and expressed that he
21	was " ".
22	67. assembled excerpts of some of these videos which are available for
23	viewing here: . A CD containing these videos is also
24	lodged herewith.
25	68. As unusual as this may be, the mere fact Judge attended the
26	trial (if true) is <u>not</u> the primary concern. The concern is that according to comments from
27	, and others appearing on video with them, <u>stated Judge</u>
28	discussed the facts of this case with him prior to trial. One such specific statement
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was made by a person named " " (who speaks between 0:00 and 0:40 in the
above video compilation). In her remarks, claims that she spoke with Judge
at, or immediately after, the trial. stated that was
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Request for Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law). further claims .
told her Judge showed Request for Findings of Fact and
Conclusions of Law, and she (Judge) told him, "
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69. In the course of making these remarks, also made statements
which appeared to imply that Judge told her father that she intended to rule in favor
of before the case was tried. The discussion of that point is brief and not entirely
clear, but my belief is based on claim ", that
", then she mentions Request for Findings of Fact and
Conclusions of Law, finally asking "?" prior to trial.
70. What is also <u>extremely</u> disturbing is that in the video compilation, upon
hearing remarks regarding Judge and laughingly commented
(to paraphrase): " !" That specific comment from .
appears between 0:40 and 1:00 in the above video compilation.
71. I understood those remarks from as a signal to the person
speaking that they should not disclose further information regarding comments they
claim to have received from Judge father, because her believed they would expose
judicial misconduct and bias on Judge part, requiring a new trial if those facts
were exposed.
72. Assuming Judge did, in fact, share information about this case with
, that conduct would appear to be a per se violation of Rule 2.9(A) of the
Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct.
73. Despite these allegations, my personal view (based on the past several
months) is that followers are generally not honest or reliable, and I considered 16

1	84. As the transcript clearly shows, at no time during her brief testimony did
2	(or anyone else) ever address the question of whether was
3	(or was not) "; that question was never asked, nor was it answered.
4	85. If did not testify that "
5	", where did Judge finding on that issue come from? The answer is, once
6	again, absolutely shocking - Judge copied that finding from posts on social
7	media.
8	86. As noted above, during the course of my involvement in this matter, I have
9	published a small number of comments (approximately 15 posts) regarding this case on
10	my personal website, .com. This is a tiny, insignificant fraction of the
11	commentary published by and his followers. As noted above, the
12	has posted nearly about this case, and the number of other posts on
13	social media is certainly in the tens or hundreds of thousands, if not millions.
14	87. As limited as my online involvement in this case has been, I believe Judge
15	conducted her own independent research into the facts of this case, and that this
16	involved her reviewing comments posted on my website or other social media pages.
17	That belief is based on the following facts.
18	88. First, throughout this case (and repeatedly at trial), counsel
19	vociferously complained to Judge about the fact that I was
20	making public statements about this case via my website and , and
21	specifically provided copies of articles I wrote and posted on .com about this
22	case. I found complaints in this regard confusing, because the
23	information and comments I posted about this case were not improper in any way, and
24	because and his supporters (including) had also posted public
25	comments online about this case suggesting that fully understood I had a
26	right to inform the public of side of the story.
27	89. Based on what I know now, I believe that by pointing to comments on my
28	website. was not actually concerned about the contents of those posts.

1 Instead, I believe he was suggesting or hinting to Judge that she should go online 2 and perform an ex parte review my site, and I believe that is exactly what she did. 90. finished 3 That belief is based on the fact that immediately after testifying at trial, literally later that same day, anonymous supporters of began 4 5 posting comments on my website and also on social media, asserting committed 6 perjury when she claimed to have sought care from on , and " 7 because that" This specific comment was posted by an anonymous user on my website on 8 9 , a week before Judge issue her post-trial decision. Similar comments were also posted by anonymous users on 18 91. , one

91. Similar comments were also posted by anonymous users on example of which is shown here:

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1	92. This evidence supports two conclusions. First, Judge initial materials
2	" did <u>not</u> come from the trial testimony of
3	, nor did it come any other witness; indeed the word " does not appear
4	anywhere in the transcript. That much is beyond dispute.
5	93. Second, the evidence shows Judge violated Rule 2.9(c) of the Arizona
6	Code of Judicial Conduct by performing a secret, undisclosed investigation in the facts of
7	this matter, which clearly would have resulted in her seeing comments from
8	supporters regarding their beliefs as to .
9	94. The fact that Judge based her post-trial ruling on anything other than
10	the admitted trial evidence demonstrates, beyond a preponderance of the evidence, that
11	grounds exist to disqualify Judge from this matter on the basis of bias and
12	prejudice. The same is true of Judge decision to have ex parte discussions about
13	this case with .
14	95. The legal arguments supporting those conclusions are set forth in a
15	memorandum of law filed concurrently herewith pursuant to Family Law Rule 6.1(d)(2).
16	96. For the reasons stated above, I have grounds to believe and I do believe,
17	that on account of bias, prejudice, or other interests the judge currently assigned to this
18	matter, Hon. , is unable to act fairly and impartially, and she is unable to
19	provide Petitioner with a fair trial, including a fair retrial which
20	is concurrently requesting.
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22	Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the
23	United State of America and the State of Arizona that the foregoing is true and correct.
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b The person in (1) [] The lawyer for the person in (1) (name)	
The person in 2 The lawyer for the person in 2 (name)	1
c. The people in 1 and 2 must return to Dept of the countries.	
at (time): a.m p.m. to review (specify in	ssues):
Ţo the person in ❷	
The court has granted the orders checked below. Item (9) is als these orders, you can be arrested and charged with a crime. You year, pay a fine of up to \$1,000, or both.	보이트리트리트에 적어가는 요마이트리트 시트로 전문하다. 그 남이 얼마나 살았다. 그리 아이를 하는데, 그리 아이들이 그리고 아이들이 그리고 그 그 그 그 그 그 그 그 그 그 그 그 그 그 그 그 그
Personal Conduct Orders	
a. The person in 2 must not do the following things to the protected	people in 1) and 3):
 Harass, attack, strike, threaten, assault (sexually or otherwise), property, disturb the peace, keep under surveillance, impersons otherwise), or block movements. Contact, either directly or indirectly, by any means, including, e-mail, or other electronic means. Take any action, directly or through others, to obtain the address (If this item is not checked, the court has found good cause not b. Peaceful written contact through a lawyer or process server or anot related to a court case is allowed and does not violate this order. 	but not limited to, by telephone, mail, esses or locations of any protected persons. to make this order.)
c. Exceptions: Brief and peaceful contact with the person in (1), required for court-ordered visitation of children, is allowed un otherwise.	- 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10
7 x Stay-Away Order	
a. The person in 2 must stay at least (specify): 100 yards aw x The person in 1 School of person in 1 The persons in x The job or workplace of person in 1 The child(ren x Vehicle of person in 1 Other (specify) b. Exceptions: Brief and peaceful contact with the person in 1 as required for court-ordered visitation of children, is allowed the otherwise.	son in 1 n 3 I's school or child care I': and peaceful contact with children in 3,
(8) Move-Out Order	
The person in 2 must move out immediately from (address):	
9 No Guns or Other Firearms or Ammunition a. The person in (2) cannot own, possess, have, buy or try to buy, received get guns, other firearms, or ammunition.	ceive or try to receive, or in any other way

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9	b.	The person in (2) mu	ist:				
©		 Sell to, or store w firearms within hi 	rith, a licensed gun dealer, o is or her immediate possess				
er er		sold, or stored. (F	of receiving this order, file vorm DV-800, Proof of Fire	arms Turned In, Sold,			
**	c. d.	The court has red The court has ma Family Code sec firearm (specify a The firearm mus travel to and from	beived information that the ade the necessary findings attion 6389(h). Under Califormake, model, and serial number to be in his or her physical properties of employof federal prosecution for professional professi	person in 2 owns or rand applies the firearm mia law, the person in mber of firearm): cossession only during yment. Even if exempt	relinquishment exe is not required scheduled work ho under California la	emption under to relinquish this urs and during	
10 [Record Unlawful C			<u> </u>		
			right to record communication	ations made by the pers	son in (2) that viola	te the judge's orders.	
11)[-	are of Animals					
	T	he person in 🛈 is give	n the sole possession, care,	and control of the anim	mals listed below.	The person in 2	
			yards away from and not vise dispose of the followin		cumber, conceal, n	iolest, attack, strike,	
	u	meaten, harm, or otherv	vise dispose of the followin	g aimiiais.			
12 [C	Child Custody and Child custody and visitation (specify other form):	Visitation tion are ordered on the attac	ched Form DV-140, C	hild Custody and V	isitation Order	
(a) [
(13) [C	Child Support Child support is ordered or (specify other form):	on the attached Form FL-3	342, Child Support Info	ormation and Orde	r Attachment	
14) [Property Control					
<u> </u>		199	n use, control, and possess	the following property	:		
<u> </u>							
15) L		ebt Payment	nake these payments until th	is order ends:			
			For:		Due	date:	
	P	ay to:	For:	Amount: \$	Due	date:	
	Pa	ay to:	For:	Amount: \$	Due	date:	
			payments are ordered. List				
	MOS	Debt Payments" as			25.10. D		
16) [roperty Restraint					
			person in 2 must not				
			nimals, except in the usual				
		person must notify the other of any new or big expenses and explain them to the court. (The person in 2)					
		cannot contact the person in (1) if the court has made a "No-Contact" order.) Peaceful written contact through a lawyer or a process server or other person for service of legal papers related					
			and does not violate this o			O Lukara sainas	

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190001119	Spousal Support Spousal support is ordered of Attachment or (specify other)		-343, Spousal, Partner, or Fo			
	Rights to Mobile Device	e and Wireless Ph	one Account			
06.11 (20.00)	Property Control of M					
25.50	Only the person in (1) can us					
	Mobile device (describe)		_ and account (phone number	er):		
	Mobile device (describe)		_ and account (phone number	er):		
1	Check here if you need n Wireless Phone Account		eet of paper and write "DY-I.	30 Rights to Mobile Device an		
	Debt Payment					
	The person in 2 must make	these payments until the	nis order ends:	- La		
			Amount: \$	Due date:		
	Transfer of Wireless P The court has made an order person in 1. These orders	transferring one or mor	re wireless service accounts f ate order (Form DV-900).	from the person in 2 to the		
	Insurance	thai- (2) is an	downd NOT to gook horrows	coinct concel transfer disnos		
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)	Lawyer's Fees and Co		10 6			
	The person in (2) must pay the			D 114		
	Pay to:	For:	Amount: \$	Due date:		
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	Payments for Costs ar	nd Services				
	The person in 2 must pay the	he following:				
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9	Check here if more payr Payments for Costs and	nents are ordered. List Services" as a title.	them on an attached sheet of	paper and write "DV-130,		
\Box	Batterer Intervention F	orogram				
,			batterer intervention program	n and show written proof of		
	completion to the court. This	program must be appre	oved by the probation departr	nent under Penal Code		
	§ 1203.097. The person in (2) must enroll by (date): or if no date is listed, must enroll within					
	30 days after the order is made. The person in (2) must complete, file and serve Form 805, Proof of Enrollment					
	for Batterer Intervention Pro	gram.				
	Other Orders					
96	Other orders (specify):					
) No	Fee to Serve (Notify).	Restrained Person				

	Case Number:
(25)	Service
	a. X The people in 1 and 2 were at the hearing or agreed in writing to this order. No other proof of service is
	b. The person in was at the hearing on the request for original orders. The person in was not present. (1) Proof of service of Form DV-109 and Form DV-110 (if issued) was presented to the court. The judge's orders in this form are the same as in Form DV-110 except for the end date. The person in must be served. This order can be served by mail.
	(2) Proof of service of Form DV-109 and Form DV-110 (if issued) was presented to the court. The judge's orders in this form are different from the orders in Form DV-110, or Form DV-110 was not issued. The person in must be personally "served" (given) a copy of this order.
	(1) The people in 1 and 2 were at the hearing or agreed in writing to this order. No other proof of
	(2) The people in 1 was not at the hearing and must be personally "served" (given) a copy of this amended order.
(26)	Criminal Protective Order
\circ	a. Form CR-160, Criminal Protective Order—Domestic Violence, is in effect. Case Number: County: Expiration Date:
	The people in ① and ② were at the hearing or agreed in writing to this order. No other proof of service is needed. The person in ① was at the hearing on the request for original orders. The person in ② was not present. (1) □ Proof of service of Form DV-109 and Form DV-110 (if issued) was presented to the court. The judge's orders in this form are the same as in Form DV-110 except for the end date. The person in ② must be served. This order can be served by mail. (2) □ Proof of service of Form DV-109 and Form DV-110 (if issued) was presented to the court. The judge's orders in this form are different from the orders in Form DV-110, or Form DV-110 was not issued. The person in ② must be personally "served" (given) a copy of this order. Proof of service of Form FL-300 to modify the orders in Form DV-130 was presented to the court. (1) □ The people in ② and ② were at the hearing or agreed in writing to this order. No other proof of service is needed. (2) □ The people in ② and ② was not at the hearing and must be personally "served" (given) a copy of this amended order. In inial Protective Order □ Form CR-160, Criminal Protective Order—Domestic Violence, is in effect. Case Number: County: Expiration Date: Case Number: County: Expiration Date: (List other orders on an attached sheet of paper. Write "DV-130, Other Criminal Protective Orders" as a title.) □ Other Griminal Protective Order in effect (specify): Expiration Date: (List other orders on an attached sheet of paper. Write "DV-130, Other Criminal Protective Orders" as a title.) □ No information has been provided to the judge about a criminal protective order. ached pages are orders. Number of pages attached to this seven-page form: -1— All of the attached pages are part of this order. Attachments include (check all that apply): □ DV-140 □ DV-145 □ DV-150 □ FL-342 □ FL-343 □ DV-900 X Other (specify): Attachment One (1) — stipulation for 2-year Restraining Order After Hearing signature page Certificate of Compliance With VAWA ining (protective)
	Case Number: County: Expiration Date:
	(List other orders on an attached sheet of paper. Write "DV-130, Other Criminal Protective Orders" as a title.)
	c. No information has been provided to the judge about a criminal protective order.
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	 All of the attached pages are part of this order.
	Attachments include (check all that apply):
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	Order After Hearing signature page
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	Certificate of Compliance With VAWA
ar as th	his restraining (protective) order meets all "full faith and credit" requirements of the Violence Against Women Act, 3 U.S.C. § 2265 (1994) (VAWA) upon notice of the restrained person. This court has jurisdiction over the parties ad the subject matter; the restrained person has been or will be afforded notice and a timely opportunity to be heard provided by the laws of this jurisdiction. This order is valid and entitled to enforcement in each jurisdiction roughout the 50 states of the United States, the District of Columbia, all tribal lands, and all U.S. territories, immonwealths, and possessions and shall be enforced as if it were an order of that jurisdiction.

This is a Court Order:

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: - Warnings and Notices to the Restrained Person in 2

If you do not obey this order, you can be arrested and charged with a crime.

- . If you do not obey this order, you can go to jail or prison and/or pay a fine.
- . It is a felony to take or hide a child in violation of this order.
- If you travel to another state or to tribal lands or make the protected person do so, with the intention of disobeying this order, you can be charged with a federal crime.

You cannot have guns, firearms, and/or ammunition.



You cannot own, have, possess, buy or try to buy, receive or try to receive, or otherwise get guns, other firearms, and/or ammunition while the order is in effect. If you do, you can go to jail and pay a \$1,000 fine. Unless the court grants an exemption, you must sell to, or store with, a licensed gun dealer, or turn in to a law enforcement agency, any guns or other firearms that you have or control. The judge will ask you for proof that you did so. If you do not obey this order, you can be charged with a crime. Federal law says you cannot have guns or ammunition while the order is in effect. Even if exempt under California law, you may be subject to federal prosecution for possessing or controlling a firearm.

Instructions for Law Enforcement

Start Date and End Date of Orders

The orders start on the earlier of the following dates:

- The hearing date in item (5) (a) on page 2, or.
- · The date next to the judge's signature on this page.

The orders end on the expiration date in item (4) on page 1. If no date is listed, they end three years from the hearing date.

Arrest Required if Order Is Violated

If an officer has probable cause to believe that the restrained person had notice of the order and has disobeyed the order, the officer must arrest the restrained person. (Pen. Code, §§ 836(c)(1), 13701(b).) A violation of the order may be a violation of Penal Code section 166 or 273.6.

Notice/Proof of Service

Law enforcement must first determine if the restrained person had notice of the orders. If notice cannot be verified, the restrained person must be advised of the terms of the orders. If the restrained person then fails to obey the orders, the officer must enforce them. (Fam. Code, § 6383.)

Consider the restrained person "served" (notified) if:

- . The officer sees a copy of the Proof of Service or confirms that the Proof of Service is on file; or
- The restrained person was at the restraining order hearing or was informed of the order by an officer. (Fam. Code, § 6383; Pen. Code, § 836(c)(2).) An officer can obtain information about the contents of the order in the Domestic Violence Restraining Order System (DVROS). (Fam. Code, § 6381(b)-(c).)

If the Protected Person Contacts the Restrained Person

Even if the protected person invites or consents to contact with the restrained person, the orders remain in effect and must be enforced. The protected person cannot be arrested for inviting or consenting to contact with the restrained person. The orders can be changed only by another court order. (Pen. Code; §13710(b).)

This is a Court Order.

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Child Custody and	Visitation			
		DV-140, items 3 and 4.	They ar	re sometimes also written on
additional pages or refer	enced in DV-140 or ot	ther orders that are not part	of the re	estraining order.
Enforcing the Rest	raining Order in			
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Conflicting Orders-	-Priorities for En	forcement		
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				Fam. Code, §§ 6383(h)(2), 6405(b)): and it is more restrictive than other
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2. No-Contact Order: If	there is no EPO, a no		led in a r	restraining or protective order has
 Criminal Order: If no criminal case takes pr 	one of the orders include	des a no-contact order, a do ent over any conflicting civ	mestic v	violence protective order issued in a order. Any nonconflicting terms of the
			other civ	vil restraining or protective order has
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3.	(0	Clerk will fill out this part.)		
	-	–Clerk's Certificate—		
Clerk's Certificate [seal]		is Restraining Order After I the original on file in the c		(Order of Protection) is a true and
	Date:	Clerk, by		, Deputy



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SHORT TITLE:	CASE NUMBER:	
ATTACHMENT	(Number): One (1)	/4
(This Attachment may be used with	any Judicial Council form.)	
The parties agree that a Two (2) year Restraining Order After and restraining	er Hearing shall be granted protecting	
By signing below, the parties acknowledge that each has rea with his or her respective counsel. Each party understands a warrants that each freely and voluntarily executed this agree counterparts. Each counterpart shall be deemed part of the signed by email and such email signatures shall be valid as	and accepts the terms of this agreement. Each ment. This agreement may be signed in priginal document. This agreement may also	h part
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with his or her respective counsel. Each party uncoverrants that each freely and voluntarily executed	ach has read and discussed the terms of this restraining order derstands and accepts the terms of this agreement. Each part this agreement. This agreement may be signed in lart of the original document. This agreement may also be evalid as originals.
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Subject:	RE:	Response Requeste	d
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Dear Judge	Division,		
			Ms.
that various in for cause purs	raise a potentially urgent issue that has dividuals have recently posted claims or suant to Family Law Rule 6.1. Before purs request a response from Judge dire	n social media which, if true, may	warrant a change of judge this to the Court's
In short,	has informed me of the following:		
1.) Judge	was personally	held in this matter on	:
, .	he trial, several individuals ("supporters"		cussed the case with Judge
	ding to these individuals, Judge use, and made comments indicating Judg before trial.	claimed the judge shared inf ge intended to make adverse	
Obviously, if th	nese allegations are true, they raise extre	emely serious concerns.	
	fully aware that similar claims have recoms were later shown to be false.	ently been posted on social media	a in other unrelated cases,
In this instance	e, has reason to believe the a eo of a least one person making these cl	allegations regarding Judge	are true. She has
communicate	d with Judge about this ma nge of judge for cause pursuant to Family	atter. If this claim is true,	believes this may
	ding, as unusual as this may be, I am res allegations are true.	spectfully asking Judge to res	spond directly and explain
(the be on the ship	until early next week when it docks in ea. Currently (as of), v	on a family vacation. We are of the control of the	, and we will

Again, I fully understand the unusual nature of this message, and as noted above, I understand the allegations may be entirely false. However, given the serious nature of the issue, has asked me to move forward with an immediate Notice of Change of Judge for Cause unless the Court confirms the above allegations are false. I hope this will not be necessary given the significant disruption this may cause, but I am ethically obligated to take all appropriate steps to protect rights, and I intend to do so.

For that reason, I res	pectfully request a response from the Court to the issues raised above by	time)
tomorrow,	. For purposes of clarity, the questions I am propounding are as follows:	

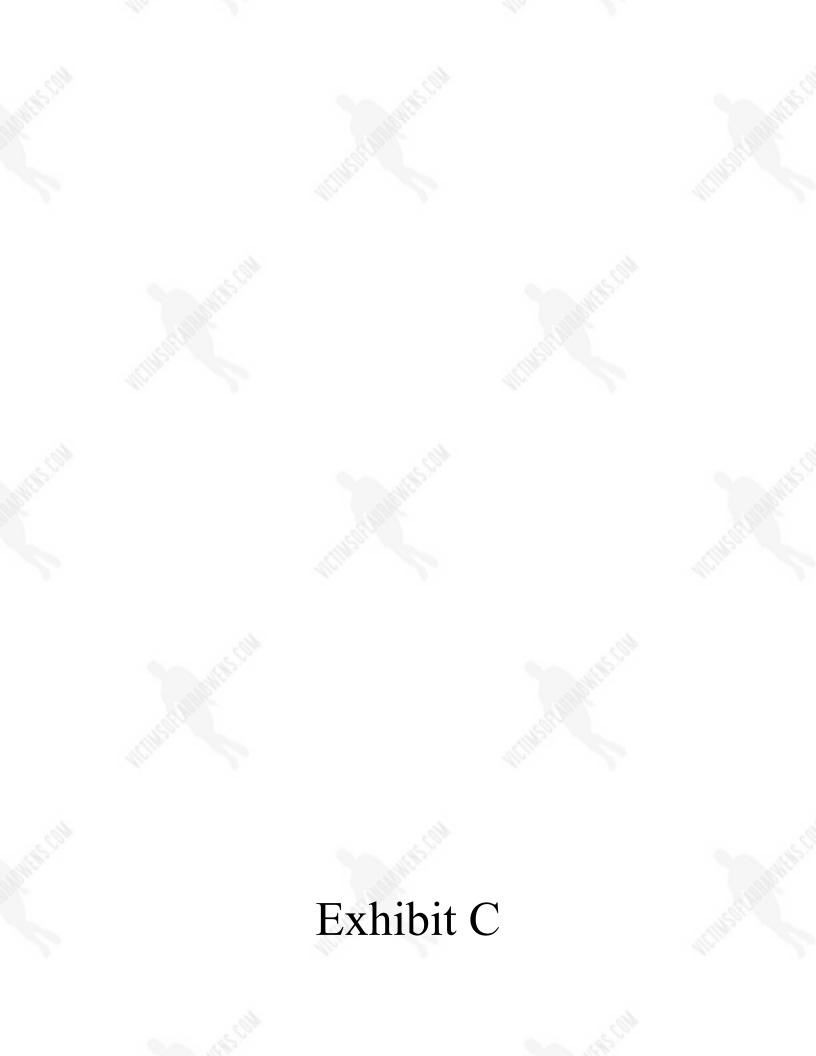
1. Was Judge (either in court or in any overflow room) for the trial in this matter on

2. Did Judge speak with or any of his supporters, including any of his attorneys, at any time;

3. Did Judge share any information of any kind with regarding this case prior to and if so, what specific information was shared.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Tel.: Fax:



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Good morning,				
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To the extent th	at either party wishes to bring a	matter to	the Court's attention, the Court respe	ctfully asks that you
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Dear Judge	Division,			
l am writing to r	aise a potentially urgent issue t	hat has jus	st come to my attention. In short,	informs me
that various ind	lividuals have recently posted c	laims on s	ocial media which, if true, may warran	t a change of judge
for cause pursu	ant to Family Law Rule 6.1. Bef	ore pursing	g this further, I wanted to bring this to	the Court's
attention and re	equest a response from Judge	direct	ly to verify whether the allegations are	true.
In short,	has informed me of the fol	lowing:		
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1.) Judge	was	at the	e trial held in this matter on	:
, -	e trial, several individuals ("sup			the case with ludge
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3.) Accordi	ng to these individuals, Judge		claimed the judge shared information	on with him about
	e, and made comments indicat	ing ludge	intended to make adverse ruling	
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However, I am f	fully aware that similar claims h	ave recent	tly been posted on social media in oth	er unrelated cases.
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about this matter. If this claim is true,

has reason to believe the allegations regarding Judge

obtained a video of a least one person making these claims, and that person claims to have directly

warrant a change of judge for cause pursuant to Family Law Rule 6.1.

are true. She has

believes this may

In this instance,

communicated with Judge



HONORABLE	Cl	LERK OF THE COURT
IN RE THE MATTER OF		
AND		
	JUDGE	COUNTY ATTORNEY'S
	OFFICE	COUNTI ATTORNETS

UNDER ADVISEMENT RULING

An in-person Evidentiary Hearing was held on sanctions, paternity, attorney's fees, and costs.

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JURISDICTIONAL FINDINGS

THE COURT FINDS at the time this action was commenced at least one of the parties was domiciled in the State of Arizona and that said domicile had been maintained for at least 90 days prior to filing the Petition. There are no minor children common to the parties.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

•	("Petitioner") filed a pro per Petition to Establish Paternity, Legal
	Decision Making, Parenting Time and Child Support on .
•	Petitioner filed a pro per Motion to Communicate on , a Motion
	to Compel on , and Expedited Consideration Requested! Motion
	to Communicate filed , and Expedited (!) Motion to Seal
	Court Record on . All motions were denied.
•	("Respondent") filed a pro per Answer on . The
	Court granted Respondent's Motion for Leave to Amend Response filed by
	counsel on , and Amended Response to Petition to Establish
	filed on .
•	The parties attended an Early Resolution Conference on ,
	wherein the parties entered into a Rule 69 agreement to comply with a n
	test on .
•	On , Petitioner filed for an ex parte Order of Protection ("OOP")
	in . After a hearing, the OOP was affirmed. The same day the
	results indicated ."
•	On , Petitioner filed a Request for Pre-Decree Mediation citing
	Respondent's unwillingness to communicate with Petitioner and citing "
	'. (Dkt. No.).
•	On , the parties appeared before
	(retired) in in response to the Injunction Against Harassment
	("IAH") filed by Respondent. On the parties' stipulation, the Court previously
	reviewed both days of the hearing and identified that the Petitioner, appearing
	virtually, frequently stood up and rubbed what appeared to be a swollen abdomen
	, testimony resumed, and Petitioner testified that she was
	and pregnant with Respondent's children. She further
	testified that the . She further testified that
	due to she was experiencing a high-risk pregnancy and was being cared
	for by two specialists, namely and . She testified she last
	saw " prior to the , hearing.
•	, the parties appeared before to determine
	the validity of the contested OOP in . Petitioner's abdomen again
	appeared swollen. During this hearing, she testified to the validity of the
	sonogram sent to Respondent, the media, and a , and further
	testified the parties were . She later testified she believed she was
	having , one .

•	, a second test confirmed " ."
•	A third test was done; however, the test results were lost in transit.
•	, Respondent filed a Notice of Filing Affidavit of Non-
	Paternity.
	, Petitioner filed a Motion to Dismiss Petition to Establish Paternity, Legal Decision Making, Parenting Time and Child Support with Prejudice in conjunction with a Notice Requiring Strict Compliance with Arizona Rules of Evidence, thereby invoking A.R.F.L.P. Rule 2(a). Petitioner cited the basis for the dismissal that she " ." (Dkt. No.). The motion was denied as the issue of attorney's fees, costs, and sanctions remained. , Petitioner filed an Expedited Motion to Quash Deposition of
	Petitioner. , Respondent filed a Response/Objection to
	Petitioner's Motion to Dismiss. The Court denied Petitioner's Motion to Quash.
•	Respondent withdrew his Motion for Sanctions Pursuant to Rule 26, on
•	Petitioner filed a Motion for Confidentiality and Preliminary Protective Order on Respondent participated in a deposition on At a Status Conference on , Petitioner was ordered by this Court to comply with Rule 49 disclosure requirements. During the hearing, Petitioner's counsel advised that the Petitioner had miscarried sometime in or
•	Petitioner was deposed on
Sold	On , Petitioner's prior counsel, filed Ethical Rule 3.3 Notice of Candor, wherein counsel advises the Court that statements made by counsel at the , Status Conference were factually incorrect. Specifically, counsel stated ." (Dkt. No. While counsel believed the statements to be
•	accurate at the time, counsel later determined those statements were not true based on the Petitioner's deposition taken . (<i>Id.</i> at). Voluminous additional pre-trial pleadings were filed by both parties. Those motions were ruled on separately, by minute entry, and the rulings are not relevant for purposes of this hearing.

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FINDINGS OF FACT

Petitioner,

•	Petitioner contacted Respondent through .
•	Petitioner and Respondent met on , to locate potential investment
	properties in .
•	Petitioner has a
	. (Ex. B.).
•	Between , the parties viewed some properties in .
•	On the evening of , Respondent invited Petitioner over to his home, which she accepted.
•	After Petitioner arrived, Respondent told her he was " " on cannabis " and he offered one to her, which she accepted.
•	During the late evening of , and early morning of parties agree that Petitioner performed oral sex on Respondent "
•	Petitioner testified she did not want to have sexual intercourse, but that Respondent "briefly.
•	Petitioner's implication that Respondent initiated sexual intercourse without consent was not alleged initially in the court filings. It was not alleged until (Ex. B.).
•	At trial, Petitioner testified that the parties had sexual intercourse, and that it was rape.
•	Petitioner testified Respondent was too high to remember sexual intercourse, due to his voluntary intoxication.
•	Petitioner believes she became pregnant on . She testified that after
	,
•	Petitioner has had since the age of and does not . (Ex. A. 11).
•	Petitioner has a history of . (<i>Id.</i>).
•	Petitioner testified she has been pregnant . Each time, the alleged father believed she fabricated the pregnancy, and doctored medical records.
	On , Petitioner asked Respondent to prepare written purchase offers
	for two properties Petitioner wanted to purchase in — one was located
	at (offer amount was) and the
	other was located at (offer amount was
	\$).

- Petitioner asked Respondent, as her realtor, to prepare these purchase offers and to submit them to the seller or the seller's agent.
- Respondent prepared the purchase offers, which Petitioner signed on or around
 , but Respondent never submitted them to the seller or the seller's
 agent.
- Petitioner later asked Respondent if he had heard anything from the seller in response to offers.
- Respondent advised he had not heard back from the seller.
- Petitioner testified that she advised the and action was taken.
- On , Petitioner took a home pregnancy test which showed a faint positive result.
- Petitioner testified that after multiple positive pregnancy tests, she told the Respondent she was pregnant.
- Petitioner denies using hormones, someone else's urine, or altering the test at all.
- Petitioner found Respondent's reaction to be hostile and dismissive.
- On , Petitioner went to at she informed the nurse that she believed she may be pregnant, and she asked for a test to determine whether she was, in fact, pregnant. (Ex. A. 2).
- The test result from was positive for pregnancy. (*Id.*).
- Petitioner testified that for more than prior to , she was not . Based on this, Petitioner testified that she believed she was pregnant, and Respondent was the only potential father.
- , Petitioner went to Respondent's home at his request.
- Respondent provided a pregnancy test for Petitioner to take. Conflicting testimony makes it difficult to ascertain whether the test was taken in front of the Respondent or with the bathroom door closed due to a shy bladder. Both parties agree the test was positive.
- In the " "email the Court finds the language to imply Respondent was attempting to buy into the idea that might have led to a pregnancy. (Ex. A. 2). The Court, however, does not find the email conclusive that Respondent believed her to be pregnant with his children, but rather an attempt to consider her ascertains.
- In the " " email Respondent maintains that the would preclude him from being the father of the fetuses. The email does not deny the pregnancy test was positive. (Ex. A. 2).
- In the email, Respondent suggested that the positive test was the result of Petitioner's medication.

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	on	(Ex. A. 3). The si	ubject of	the em	ail is	
	"	'' (<i>Id</i> .).					
•	Petitioner denies sending Re hacked into h	espondent an u ner email and			_		
	(Ex. B.).						
•	Petitioner testified that appointment, and sought records from all	While she fai	-	ovide re	cords of sponden	fany	
	until today, Petitioner disclo	sed she sough	it care. (F	Ex. B.		line).	
	Petitioner testified that she h	_	,	2.	,	in	
	either anonymous	_		vm and o	changed	the location t	o
	prevent Respondent from tra	•	-		_		
	with those records at trial.					1	
•	Petitioner testified that on	5	she exper	rienced			
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	and sought telehealth assista	nce.					
•	Petitioner testified that she to	exted a					
	assistance.						
•	The telehealth provider told	Petitioner it v	vas			and sh	e
	should monitor the situation	and seek furt	her care	as neede	d. Petit	ioner chose no	ot
	to seek in person care that w	ould have con	nfirmed i	f			
	The Court finds					lehealth visit	
	was due to the nature of tele			-	ide care	in the form o	f
	an exam, hCG test, blood tes		_				
•	Instead of seeking in-person	•			another	hCG home	
	pregnancy test on	, which wa	-				
•	Petitioner again took an at he			_			
•	Petitioner testified that she n	-	1 1				
	Three of the four appointme Petitioner	nts were resch	neduled a		cancelle ds indic		
	pages of records confirming	making and c	ancelling	g appoin	tments.		
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	maintains that the nature of lemergency room who would	her high-risk j	pregnanc	•			
	wherein the Mother was						

, the parties agreed to a DNA test through

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•	Petitioner paid \$\\$ to for the test, but Respondent failed to provide a
	sample and Petitioner canceled the test on . (Ex. A. 5).
•	The Court does not find the sexual contact between Petitioner and Respondent resulted in a pregnancy.
•	The Court finds that if the Petitioner was pregnant, it is profoundly unlikely that
	conception occurred .
•	During this litigation, if Petitioner had maintained consistently an allegation of sexual assault, coupled with a police report, or physical exam, the Court may find differently. Evidence and testimony, however, do not support this inconsistent contention.
•	Petitioner admitted to changing an hCG test result to reflect . (Ex. B. 17).
	She further testified she altered the document using , but not
•	In late or , both parties submitted samples to for
	DNA testing.
•	, the Petitioner's blood was drawn, and the results were hCG
	levels of (Ex. A. 9). Petitioner changed the results to reflect
•	Petitioner testified that on , she was aware the alleged
	pregnancies were not viable and filed the Request for Pre-Decree Mediation in the hopes that at mediation she could tell the Respondent that the pregnancy was no longer viable.
•	Upon denial of her Request, however, she did not file a Motion to Dismiss or
	make other arrangements to advise Respondent of the development.
•	The Court finds this testimony uncredible and a misuse of judicial resources.
•	Petitioner was not treated by as testified to in her
	, hearing on the IAH.
•	Petitioner's alleged pregnancy was not treated by , or any
	other in-person obstetrician or gynecologist.
•	The Court finds failure to seek in person care for a high-risk pregnancy to be both
	unreasonable and uncreditable.
•	The Court further finds that going to for a pregnancy test, but not the
	to be unreasonable and uncredible. A reasonable person, if
	seeking emergency room care to confirm a pregnancy, would not rely on
	telehealth to confirm the non-viability of the pregnancies

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Petitioner testified that on

from a facility,

, she sought OB/GYN services, to determine whether she was allegedly still pregnant.

(Ex. A. 11). At that appointment, Petitioner took two pregnancy tests that were both negative.

- Petitioner testified that she currently weighs pounds but weighed in during her appointment. She experienced significant swelling in her abdomen and felt pregnant.
- The Court was presented with videos dated
 , Petitioner sent Respondent of her abdomen as evidence of pregnancy. (Ex. A. 6, 7).
 testified that while she appeared pregnant, that alone was not conclusive of pregnancy.
- Petitioner denies tampering with hCG tests but does admit to altering and fabricating ultrasounds and sonograms. She further testified that she changed the hCG numbers on two of the results. The Court finds little, if any difference, in altering the test itself for which she denies, and altering the results which she did tamper with by her own admission.
- During Petitioner's cross-examination, it became profoundly obvious that counsel for the Petitioner was attempting to coach her answers.
- Respondent's counsel, identifying the issue, moved between counsel and the Petitioner.
- From that point forward, the Petitioner began to exhibit extreme anxiety and unwillingness to answer questions.
- The Court had to remind the Petitioner twice that counsel would ask a question and she needed to answer it.
- At this time, Petitioner pushed back her chair and advised the Court she did not believe she was being treated fairly. The Court attempted to redirect Petitioner to no avail.
- At this time, Petitioner became emotional and asked for a brief recess, which the Court granted.
- The Court finds this interaction between counsel and Petitioner, diminishes the creditability and veracity of the Petitioner's responses during cross-examination.
- The Court finds it is impossible to determine the date of any alleged miscarriage, not because it is impossible, but rather because she failed to seek even a minimal level of care for her high-risk condition. Failure to demonstrate confirmation of ongoing pregnancy is a purposeful way to ensure Respondent would not be able to determine if she was pregnant and if so, for how long the pregnancy lasted.

, a retired OB/GYN and prior

, testified that pregnancy is possible without sexual intercourse. testified that he delivered 30,000 babies during his practice and saw many patients for miscarriages.

- testified that he reviewed approximately 200 pages of Petitioner's medical records from that included summaries of Petitioner's medications. He did not, however, review primary care or historical OB/GYN records.
- testified that none of the medication records he reviewed would cause a false positive home pregnancy test.
- testified that a false positive hCG test could be the result of medication, anxiety medication, horse urine, or IVF prescribed injections ("trigger shots").
- When asked by the Court, testified he did not review any records from or
- testified that a home pregnancy can detect pregnancy eleven days after conception.
- testified that he is 99.9% sure that the Petitioner was pregnant based on the hCG tests. He did not change his perspective after Petitioner's admissions on the stand that she altered more than one test to reflect higher, viable hCG numbers.
- The Court finds testimony that .1% chance that Petitioner received a false positive due to several medications she is in fact taking, possible trigger shot for hCG, and a prior history of to dimmish his creditability. Especially given that records that the Petitioner testified existed were not presented to her own expert for review and consideration.
- testified that a blood hCG level of 102 is proof of a non-viable pregnancy. While testified that a non-viable pregnancy is still a pregnancy, the Court finds that altering the number to reflect 102,000 which would be a viable pregnancy to indicate that she intended for the Respondent to believe that she was still pregnant with viable fetuses.
- concluded that the Petitioner became pregnant on and ended with a "late", or possibly sooner in Given the alterations of the only records to indicate pregnancy the Court does not accept this conclusion.
- testified that woman may expel tissue during a spontaneous abortion, or the pregnancy might remain in her body, ultimately being reabsorbed.

Given that the Petitioner testified under oath at a prior hearing that she was	
absolutely pregnant and had seen her doctor (presumably in-	-
person) the Court does not accept that would	1
be reabsorbed into a mother's body. The Court further finds a miscarriage at the	at
stage of pregnancy would result in emergency medical care and corresponding	
death certificates . If what testified to is true, and she	
miscarried much sooner, negating the need for the death certificates, then	
Petitioner perjured herself at a prior hearing.	
, MD, MPH, reviewed Petitioner's records and provided he	er
analysis of the hCG results. (Ex. B.). Additionally, she was the prior	-
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is not , when Petitioner testified, she sought care	
testified that hCG does not confirm pregnancy. There must be serial	
hCG or an ultrasound and examination, which were never done, or never	
disclosed to the Court, the Respondent,	
reviewed the , telehealth instructions that Petitioner	
" (Ex. B.	
p.). The instructions were not followed but Petitioner called the Aborti	ion
and Miscarriage Hotline which also recommended and encouraged the Petitione	
to seek in-person medical care. (<i>Id.</i>).	
testified that there is no data to indicate a conception date.	
After reviewing the records, determined that the hCG tests were never	er
dispositive of pregnancy and that the related miscarriage timeline, which includ	
detailed analysis of the likely origin of hCG in Petitioner's blood and urine was	
not indicative of human gestational norms.	
testified that heterophilic autoimmune responses due to exposure to	
animals could produce a positive hCG test, but the confirmation blood test would	14
be negative.	14
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a prior history of

A prior history of cancer could also produce a positive hCG result. Petitioner has

that prompted the

- Familial hCG Syndrome can also produce a false positive hCG test. testified that syndrome is very rare with only ten known cases in the world.
- Horse tranquilizers can create a positive hCG result.

Respondent,

- Respondent denies all allegations of sexual intercourse.
- Respondent confirms both parties were under the influence of marijuana but denies being " and further denies memory loss because of the marijuana ingestion.
- Respondent testified that around , he realized his behavior with Petitioner was unprofessional and he intended to discontinue a sexual relationship with the Petitioner. He testified that upon hearing this, the Petitioner became very emotional.
- Respondent testified that he told Petitioner he had submitted the offers to the seller. Respondent testified he did not believe the Petitioner was really interested in the properties.
- When asked if he had received any response, Respondent told Petitioner that he had not, but he never told Petitioner the reason why no response had been received i.e., because the offers had never been submitted.
- Respondent made knowingly false statements to about the real estate purchase offers.
- Respondent testified that Petitioner sent him approximately 500 texts message using thirteen different phone numbers threatening to leak information to the media. (Ex. B.).
- Respondent testified that Petitioner reached out to "," called his family, co-workers, and prior girlfriends accusing him of being a deadbeat for not supporting her and .
- Respondent testified that he received the video from Petitioner and continued to correspond with her over that email string which would reasonably prompt Petitioner to advise she did not send the video, but she did not advise of that at the time. (Ex. B.).
- Petitioner emailed Respondent

,		" (Ex.
B.). The email co	ontinues "	" (<i>Id.</i>).

•	Petitioner	encouraged Respondent to have sexual intercourse with her, citing she
	was "	" and already pregnant.

• Petitioner further emailed Respondent that he had control of the outcome of the pregnancy " (Ex. B. On , she said "

" (Id.).

- Petitioner told Respondent
- Petitioner provided Respondent with a sonogram that was posted on ago. Petitioner admitted to this during her deposition (Ex. A.).
- Petitioner sent a threatening letter to Respondent indicating her intention to sue him for in collateral allegations unless he agreed to dismiss this action that she initiated. (Ex. B.).
- Petitioner signed a release of records for

 In a letter dated
 the provider advised "
 (Ex. B. , p.

VALIDITY OF PETITIONER'S ORDER OF PROTECTION

In this case, the gravamen of Respondent's position is that Petitioner has fabricated her pregnancy, a condition which cannot have resulted from the parties' interactions, because according to Respondent they never had sexual intercourse. But he does admit that the pair engaged in oral sex. Respondent seeks to have the protective order invalidated based on the alleged fabrication, while Petitioner essentially argues that even if she was never pregnant, the sexual activity between the two, and Respondent's subsequent harassing online conduct, are sufficient to sustain the order regardless.

There is a predicate issue that should be addressed which goes to the Court's authority to reconsider the protective order at all. Put simply, extant appellate authority, namely *Vera v. Rogers*, 246 Ariz. 30 (Ct. App. 2018) and like cases, precludes reconsideration here.

In *Vera*, Mother applied for a protective order in Court, but it was eventually transferred to the superior court after Father petitioned to establish legal decision-making authority, parenting time, and child support here. After a contested hearing, the commissioner handling the order of protection affirmed it in its entirety. Father then filed a

special action, asking the court of appeals to order the family court to amend the order of protection to align it with the temporary parenting-time orders it had made in the separate case. The court of appeals accepted the special action, finding it raised a "purely legal issue of first impression that is of statewide importance," to wit, "the interplay between the procedural rules and statutes governing protective orders and family law proceedings." (*Id.* at 33).

The court of appeals first recognized that the superior court, pursuant to ARFLP 5(A), has the authority to hold a joint hearing to concurrently consider both actions so that it may harmonize the orders. But having said that, the court noted that the superior court's "authority to modify an order of protection only exists pursuant to the statutes and rules controlling protective orders." (Id. at 34). And those statutes and rules prevented the relief Father sought in Vera, because another superior court officer had already affirmed the contested order of protection. Indeed, the court stated that "[o]nce [a contested] hearing has been held, an affirmed order of protection may be amended or dismissed only in two ways: (1) by a request of the party protected by the order, Ariz. R. Protect. Ord. P. 40(a), 641(a); or (2) by appeal, Ariz. R. Protect. Ord. P. 42(a)(2), (b)." (Id. at 35). Because Mother had not requested amendment, and Father did not appeal from what amounted to a final judgment, he could not obtain relief, and the family court had no power to amend the protective order. Put another way, "a superior court judicial officer is not to engage in horizontal appellate review of another judicial officer's decision to affirm an order of protection." (Id. at 36; see also Davis v. Davis, 195 Ariz. 158, 161, ¶ 11) (App. 1999) (holding that "a superior court judge has no jurisdiction to review or change the judgment of another superior court judge when the judgment has become final").

Just like in *Vera*, absent a move by Petitioner to modify or dismiss the protective order, Respondent's "sole remedy was to appeal" the final ruling affirming it after the contested hearing. (*Id.* at 36). Although *Vera* did not involve fraud, this Court was unable to identify any cases collaterally challenging a final protective order judgment on Rule 85 grounds in a separate family court proceeding, nor any authority suggesting that *Vera*'s exclusive roadmap (which is rooted in ARPOP 40 & 41) for amending or dismissing a final order of protection judgment is subject to an exception based on Rule 85 review. This Court's power to invalidate the order is foreclosed by *Vera*.

Even if *Vera* did not foreclose this Court's review, Respondent cannot prevail here (despite what appears to be a case of serial fabrications here and elsewhere by Petitioner). Under A.R.S. § 13-3601(A)(6), the parties admittedly had a relationship that was "...," however fleeting it might have been. Petitioner thus had a statutory avenue to seek a protective order, regardless of whether she fabricated her pregnancy. Moreover, did not issue the order based solely, or even primarily, on the "of

Petitioner's pregnancy. Indeed, his initial order required that Respondent not contact Petitioner or "

"do the same. (Dkt. No. Case No. filed). Moreover, Petitioner's initial Petition referenced a myriad of communications Respondent made to her that could be deemed threatening per the statutory guidelines and appears to have prompted to confirm the order after the hearing. Thus, even if Petitioner's broader pregnancy allegations are proven untrue, one aspect of the court's order indicated that it found Respondent had engaged in harassing conduct, so even on the merits there is no cause to invalidate the final judgment.

Vera v. Rogers forecloses not only reviewing the orders in principle but also prevents tinkering at the margins as well. If the superior court cannot "engage in horizontal appellate review of another judicial officer's decision to affirm an order of protection," 246 Ariz. at 36, there is no way that the Court can otherwise review portions of those decisions piecemeal either. The parties' remedies as to both decisions were to appeal and have the appellate court review the entirety of those decisions. Both had hearings as to their respective orders, and under ARPOP 42(a)(2), "[a]n Order of Protection, an Injunction Against Harassment, or an Injunction Against Workplace Harassment that is entered, affirmed, modified, or quashed after a hearing at which both parties had an opportunity to appear" is appealable.

SANCTIONS

ARFLP 26(b) provides that "by signing a pleading, motion or other document, the attorney or party certifies to the best of the person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after reasonable inquiry: (1) it is not being presented for any improper purposes, such as to harass . . . (2) the claims, defenses, and other legal contentions are warranted by existing law . . . (3) the factual contentions have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likely have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery . . . "Meanwhile, Rule 26(c) provides that "if a pleading, motion, or other document is signed in violation of this rule, the court—on motion *or on its own*—may impose on the person who signed it, a represented party, or both, an appropriate sanction, which may include an order to pay to the other party or parties the amount of the reasonable expenses incurred because of the filing of the document, including a reasonable attorney fee." (emphasis added).

In this case, Respondent filed a Motion for Sanctions Pursuant to Rule 26 on , arguing that "

." (Dkt. No. at). However, after significant motion practice between the parties'

attorneys, Respondent filed a Motion to Withdraw Motions for Sanctions Pursuant to Rule 26 on while retaining his other claims under A.R.S. §§ 25-324, 25-415, 25-809. (Dkt. No. . The question thus becomes, can the court still award Rule 26 sanctions, considering Respondent's withdrawal of his motion.

As already noted above, ARFLP 26(c) expressly provides that the court can sanction a party for a violation "on its own." The Court was unable to locate any decisions pertaining to whether the withdrawal of a party's Rule 26 sanctions motion precludes a sua sponte court award. But, as a matter of plain meaning and strict interpretation, it would seem not to matter whether a party ever files a motion or even whether that party does file a motion and then withdraws it—a court may still award the sanctions it deems appropriate, based on the conduct it deems to violate the rule. Indeed, if per Rule 26(c) the court can at any time award sanctions of its own accord and on its own findings, absent invitation, the withdrawal of a party's motion to do so would not seem to vitiate or in any way affect that power, as a matter of plain logic. So, for instance, if the Court were to here find that Petitioner fabricated her pregnancy to provide leverage against Respondent in order to secure a long-term relationship with him and all its attendant benefits, Rule 26(c) would appear without doubt to provide it the authority to "order [her] to pay [Respondent his] reasonable expenses . . . including a reasonable attorney fee," regardless of any prior filings by the parties. That is because that fabrication, if adjudicated as such, would have been the predicate for her initial petition and many, indeed all, of the motions that came after it.

Although there is a dearth of case law on this issue, other rules confirm that the family court has the authority to award sanctions on its own. Rule ARFLP 76.2(a)(1), for instance, provides that "[i]n a pre-judgment or post-judgment proceeding, the court upon motion *or its own initiative* may impose sanctions if a party or attorney: (1) fails to obey a scheduling or pretrial order; (2) fails to appear at a Resolution Management Conference, a scheduling conference, an evidentiary hearing, a trial, or other scheduled hearing; (3) is substantially unprepared to participate in a conference, hearing or trial; (4) fails to participate in good faith in a conference, hearing, or trial, or in preparing a resolution statement, scheduling statement, or pretrial statement." (emphasis added). And the remedies available include, in addition to substantive sanctions, ordering the party at fault "to pay reasonable expenses--including attorney fees, an assessment to the clerk, or both--caused by any noncompliance with a court order." ARFLP 76.2(c); *see also Hamby v. Hamby*, No. 1 CA-CV 19-0498 FC, 2020 WL 4717115, at *2 (Ariz. Ct. App. Aug. 13, 2020) (confirming power of court to award sanctions on its own initiative under ARFLP 76). Rule 71 provides for a similar power in the settlement and ADR context.

Additionally, as is evident from their near textual identicality, and per the *Arizona Family Law Rules Handbook*, "ARFLP 26 is based on [Arizona Rule of Civil Procedure] 11." 3

Comparison with Civil Rules, 13 Ariz. Prac., *Family Law Rules Handbook* Rule 26. And Rule 11 also expressly provides that in the event of a violation "the court—on motion or on its own—may impose on the person who signed it, a represented party, or both, an appropriate sanction." And in the Rule 11 context, the Court of Appeals has concluded that a trial court may impose sanctions even after a complaint has been dismissed for lack of prosecution. *See Britt v. Steffen*, 220 Ariz. 265 (App. Div.1 2008). This lends credence to the idea that the family court's inherent authority to award sanctions under ARFLP 26 should not be read to be limited by the course of the case or by the litigation strategy pursued by the parties. The power is there by rule and can be used by the court when necessary and appropriate.

NON-PATERNITY

A.R.S. § 25-814(A)(2) provides a man is presumed to be the father of a child if "[g]enetic testing affirms at least a ninety-five percent probability of paternity." A.R.S. § 25-814 (C) provides a man is presumed to be the father based on DNA testing, that may only be rebutted by clear and convincing evidence. Based on a lack of confirmed pregnancy and repetitive results of " the Court cannot establish that Petitioner was pregnant. The Court cannot establish paternity of a nonconfirmed pregnancy lacking DNA evidence despite testing twice. Here, two test results of " fall woefully short of the 95% required to meet the burden of clear and convincing evidence that Respondent was the father of Petitioner's alleged pregnancy.

ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS

has requested an award of attorney fees and costs. An award of attorney fees and costs is governed by A.R.S. § 25-324. A.R.S. § 25-324 provides as follows:

A. The court from time to time, after considering the financial resources of both parties and the reasonableness of the positions each party has taken throughout the proceedings, may order a party to pay a reasonable amount to the other party for the costs and expenses of maintaining or defending any proceedings under this chapter or chapter 4, article 1 of this title. On request of a party or another court of competent jurisdiction, the court shall make specific findings concerning the portions of any award of fees and expenses that are based on consideration of financial resources and that are based on consideration of reasonableness of positions. The court may make these findings before, during

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or after the issuance of a fee award.

- B. If the court determines that a party filed a petition under one of the following circumstances, the court shall award reasonable costs and attorney fees to the other party:
 - 1. The petition was not filed in good faith.
 - 2. The petition was not grounded in fact or based on law.
 - 3. The petition was filed for an improper purpose, such as to harass the other party, to cause an unnecessary delay or to increase the cost of litigation to the other party.
- C. For the purpose of this section, costs and expenses may include attorney fees, deposition costs and other reasonableness expenses as the court finds necessary to the full and proper presentation of the action, including any appeal.
- D. The court may order all amounts paid directly to the attorney, who may enforce the order in the attorney's name with the same force and effect, and in the same manner, as if the order had been made on behalf of any party to the action.

THE COURT FINDS there is no substantial disparity of financial resources between the parties. Petitioner did not provide an AFI but testified she and her mother collectively earn \$ a year. Respondent filed an AFI on , citing monthly income of \$, and annual income of \$.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that Petitioner acted unreasonably in the litigation. Specifically, Petitioner acted unreasonably when she initiated litigation without basis or merit. Without an authentic ultrasound, sonogram, physical examination, and in conjunction with a belief she , the Court finds the underlying Petition premature at best. At worst, however, fraudulent and made to incite communication, a relationship, or both, with the Respondent. The Court further finds that filing a motion seeking mediation for the purpose of telling the Respondent that the pregnancies were not viable disingenuous at best but certainly misleading to the Court. If the purpose of the motion was in fact to attend mediation, then the Petitioner perjured herself today when she said the purpose of the mediation was to tell the Respondent about the miscarriage. Either way, Respondent likely incurred costs associated with this litigation prior to retaining counsel and he is entitled to reimbursement for those costs.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that F	Petitioner repetitively failed t	o comply with
Rule 49, even on Order of this Court. Further con	mpounded by the fact that or	the day of trial,
she testified that she		. While
she failed to provide records of any	appointment,	
Respondent presumably sought records from	n all	as that
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where, up until today, Petitioner disclosed she sought care. This undoubtably, caused Respondent to incur substantial legal fees attempting to locate records that may, or may not exist in but now appear to have never existed in . Additionally, Petitioner acknowledged she altered hCG test results, an ultrasound and sonogram.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the provisions of A.R.S. § 25-324(B) do apply because the petition was not filed in good faith, the petition was not grounded in fact or based on law, the petition was filed for an improper purpose, such as to harass the other party, to cause an unnecessary delay or to increase the cost of litigation to the other party. Here, the Court finds Petitioner provided false testimony as to the viability of the pregnancy in all three cases addressed in the procedural history. Additionally, prior to her deposition, Petitioner sent a threatening letter to Respondent indicating her intention to sue him for in collateral allegations unless he agreed to dismiss this action that she initiated.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that knowingly presented a false claim, knowingly violated a court order compelling disclosure or discovery such that an award of attorney fees and costs is appropriate under A.R.S. § 25-415.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED granting request for attorney fees and costs associated with F

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED denying request for attorney fees and costs associated with the OOP and IAH hearings referencing the analysis above.

attorney fees and costs. Not later than , Respondent and counsel for shall submit all necessary and appropriate documentation to support an application for an award of attorney fees and costs, including a *China Doll* Affidavit and a form of proposed order. By no later than shall file any written objection and a form of proposed order. If counsel fails to submit the documentation by , no fees or costs will be awarded. The Court shall determine the award and enter judgment upon review of the Affidavit as well as any objections.

ADDITIONAL ORDERS

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED granting the Respondent's Petition for Non-Paternity.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, the Court having determined that has a pattern of similar, if not identical behavior, and court involvement, referring this matter to the for review of actions pursuant to A.R.S § 13-

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The Court must decide the amount of attorney's fees and costs to be awarded but finds there is no just reason to delay making a final order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED pursuant to Rule 78(b), Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure, that this is a final judgment, and it shall be entered by the Clerk. The time for appeal begins upon entry of this judgment by the Clerk. For more information on appeals, see Rule 8 and other Arizona Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED denying any affirmative relief sought before the date of this Order that is not expressly granted above.

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