

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

CV 2019-015684

05/21/2021

HONORABLE JAMES D. SMITH

CLERK OF THE COURT
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1701 W TUCKEY LN # 201
PHOENIX AZ 85015

v.

LA FUENTE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION

JONATHAN S WALLACK

JUDGE J. SMITH

MINUTE ENTRY

On the Court's own motion,

IT IS ORDERED setting a telephonic **Status Conference** for **June 21, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.** (15 minutes reserved) before:

**THE HONORABLE JAMES D. SMITH
MARICOPA SUPERIOR COURT
EAST COURT BUILDING
101 W. JEFFERSON
8th FLOOR-COURTROOM 814
PHOENIX, AZ 85003
(602) 372-5945**

NOTE: Counsel are directed to participate for said conference by calling this division's bridge line promptly at the scheduled time.

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Bridge Line:

602-506-9695 (In-State)
1-855-506-9695 (Out-of-State)

Access Code:

621848

The Court is setting this status conference to discuss settlement efforts, the likelihood of trial, and the effect of COVID-19 on the entire court system's ability to conduct civil trials based on changing health agency guidance. Counsel must confer in good faith at least **five business days** before this status conference about:

1. The number of people each side will require to have in the courtroom during trial. Understand that the Court likely will limit the number of people in the courtroom for many months.
2. The feasibility of other resolution or trial management options:
 - A bench trial, whether in-person or via video.
 - Private, binding arbitration.
 - Certified arbitration through the Court's program.
 - Private mediation.
 - A smaller jury, such as four or five members.
 - Jury selection with some or all panel members appearing via video.
 - Continuing the trial until COVID-19 restrictions no longer apply.
 - Earlier rulings on motions *in limine* or other legal issues as facilitating settlement.

Court staff will separately provide counsel and self-represented parties with a Joint Pre-Final Trial Management Conference Readiness Form in Word format. The parties must jointly prepare that form and file it at least **two business days** before this status conference.

NOTE: All court proceedings are recorded digitally and not by a court reporter. Pursuant to Local Rule 2.22, if a party desires a court reporter for any proceeding in which a court reporter is not mandated by Arizona Supreme Court Rule 30, the party must submit a written request to the assigned judicial officer at least ten (10) judicial days in advance of the hearing, and must pay the authorized fee to the Clerk of the Court at least two (2) judicial days before the proceeding. The fee is \$140 for up to three hours and \$280 for any hearing in excess of three hours. This fee does not include preparation of transcripts.

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NOTE: The Arizona Constitution requires the Arizona Commission on Judicial Performance Review to conduct performance evaluations of superior court judges. The Commission is asking for your help to evaluate Maricopa County Superior Court judges currently undergoing performance review. After your hearing, if the judge you are in front of is undergoing review, a survey will be emailed to you and you can take the survey online. The survey is conducted by the Docking Institute of Public Affairs at Fort Hays State University and is anonymous and confidential. Your participation in the review process is important! More information on Judicial Performance Review can be found at www.azjudges.info.

La Constitución de Arizona exige que la Comisión de la Evaluación del Desempeño Judicial realice evaluaciones de desempeño de los jueces de los tribunales superiores. La comisión pide su ayuda para evaluar a los jueces del Tribunal Superior del Condado de Maricopa a quienes actualmente se les está evaluando su desempeño. Después de su audiencia, si el juez ante el cual comparece está sometido a una evaluación se le enviará por correo electrónico una encuesta que usted podrá tomar por Internet. La encuesta es realizada por el Docking Institute of Public Affairs de la Fort Hays State University y se mantiene anónima y confidencial. ¡Su participación en el proceso de la evaluación es importante! Para obtener más información sobre la evaluación del desempeño judicial, diríjase a www.azjudges.info.