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# EXHIBIT 1

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

MITCHELL TAEBEL,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

DOUGLAS A. DUCEY, named as AZ  
Governor; et al.,

Defendants-Appellees.

No. 19-16169

D.C. No.

2:19-cv-00323-JAT-CDB

District of Arizona,  
Phoenix

ORDER

Before: M. SMITH and BENNETT, Circuit Judges.

Appellant's motions for emergency injunctive relief (Docket Entry Nos. 4, 5, 9) are denied. The court will not entertain any motions for reconsideration, clarification, or modification of these denials on an emergency basis.

Briefing remains stayed pending disposition of the June 25, 2019 order to show cause.

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

Mitch Taebel,

Plaintiff,

v.

Douglas A. Ducey, et al.,

Defendants.

No. CV 19-00323-JAT (CDB)

**ORDER**

On or about January 2, 2019, Plaintiff Mitch Taebel,<sup>1</sup> who is confined in a Maricopa County Jail, filed a pro se Complaint in Maricopa County Superior Court. Defendant was served shortly thereafter, and, on January 18, 2019, timely removed the matter to this Court and paid the filing fee. By Order dated January 28, 2019, the Court accepted jurisdiction, but dismissed the Complaint for failure to comply with Rule 3.4 of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure. The Court gave Plaintiff 30 days to file an amended complaint that cured the

<sup>1</sup> Plaintiff is a frequent litigant in this Court. In the past year, Plaintiff has filed at least 14 cases with this court. See *Taebel v. Montgomery*, case no. 2:18-CV-01354-PHX-SRB (ESW) (D. Ariz. 2018); *Taebel v. Sonberg*, case no. 2:18-CV-00046-PHX-GMS (D. Ariz. 2018); *Taebel v. Harder*, case no. 2:18-CV-01183-PHX-JAT (ESW) (D. Ariz. 2018); *Taebel v. Stanton*, case no. 2:18-CV-01569-PHX-JAT (ESW) (D. Ariz. 2018); *Taebel v. Morton*, case no. 2:18-CV-01653-PHX-JAT (ESW) (D. Ariz. 2018); *Taebel v. Maricopa County Sheriff's Office*, case no. 2:18-CV-01654-PHX-JAT (ESW) (D. Ariz. 2018); *Taebel v. Haas*, case no. 2:18-CV-01655-PHX-JAT (ESW) (D. Ariz. 2018); *Taebel v. Russo*, case no. 2:18-CV-PHX-JAT (CDB) (D. Ariz. 2018); *Taebel v. Stanton*, case no. 2:18-01167-PHX-JAT (ESW) (D. Ariz. 2018); *Taebel v. Harder*, case no. 2:18-CV-01183-PHX-JAT (ESW) (D. Ariz. 2018); *Taebel v. Maricopa County Sheriff's Office*, case no. 2:18-CV-02496-PHX-JAT (ESW) (D. Ariz. 2018); *Taebel v. Penzone*, case no. 2:18-CV-01122-PHX-JAT (ESW) (D. Ariz. 2018); *Taebel v. Castillo*, case no. 2:18-CV-02576-PHX-JAT (ESW) (D. Ariz. 2018); *Taebel v. Teilborg*, case no. 2:19-CV-02594-PHX-JAT (ESW) (D. Ariz. 2019).

1 deficiencies identified in the Order.

2 On March 1, 2019, Plaintiff filed his First Amended Complaint (Doc. 7). Plaintiff  
3 has also filed the following:

- 4 - a Motion for Change of Judge (Doc. 6);
- 5 - a Motion for Service of Process (Doc. 8);
- 6 - a “Motion for Emergency Order Per Rule 65” (Doc. 10);
- 7 - a “Motion for Urgent Order Rule 65(b)” (Doc. 11);
- 8 - a Motion for Preliminary Injunction (Doc. 12); and
- 9 - a Motion for Appointment of Counsel (Doc. 13).

#### 10 **I. Motion to Change Judge**

11 Title 28, Section 455(a) provides that a United States judge “shall disqualify”  
12 himself in any proceeding in which his “impartiality might reasonably be questioned.”  
13 Section 455(b)(1) provides that a judge must also disqualify himself where he “has a  
14 personal bias or prejudice concerning a party, or personal knowledge of disputed  
15 evidentiary facts concerning the proceeding[.]” Recusal pursuant to § 455(b) is required  
16 only if the bias or prejudice stems from an extra-judicial source, not from conduct or rulings  
17 during the course of the proceedings. *See Hasbrouck v. Texaco, Inc.*, 842 F.2d 1034, 1046  
18 (9th Cir. 1987), *aff’d*, 496 U.S. 543 (1990); *United States v. Studley*, 783 F.2d 934, 939  
19 (9th Cir. 1986) (judge’s prior adverse rulings are insufficient cause for recusal). “[J]udicial  
20 rulings alone almost never constitute [a] valid basis for a bias or partiality motion.” *Liteky*  
21 *v. United States*, 114 S. Ct. 1147, 1157 (1994). Adverse rulings should be appealed; they  
22 do not form the basis for a recusal motion. Further, where the judge forms opinions in the  
23 courtroom, either in the current proceeding or in a prior proceeding, these opinions “do not  
24 constitute a basis for a bias or partiality motion unless they display a deep-seated favoritism  
25 or antagonism that would make fair judgment impossible.” *Id.*

26 Title 28, Section 144 provides for recusal where a party files a “timely and sufficient  
27 affidavit that the judge before whom the matter is pending has a personal bias or prejudice  
28 either against him or in favor of any adverse party.” The affidavit must state the facts and

1 reasons for the belief that the bias or prejudice exists. 28 U.S.C. § 144. If the judge finds  
 2 the affidavit timely and legally sufficient, the judge must proceed no further and another  
 3 judge must be assigned to hear the motion. *Id.*; *United States v. Sibla*, 624 F.2d 864, 867  
 4 (9th Cir. 1980).

5 Here, Plaintiff has not demonstrated that recusal pursuant to either §455 or §144 is  
 6 warranted. Plaintiff has not alleged any evidence to support that the undersigned's  
 7 partiality might reasonably be questioned. Nor has Plaintiff identified any extra-judicial  
 8 source of any bias or prejudice. Further, Plaintiff has failed to provide the affidavit required  
 9 by § 144, or to state the facts and reasons, under oath, for why he believes that the  
 10 undersigned has any bias or prejudice against him. Accordingly, recusal is not appropriate,  
 11 and Plaintiff's Motion will be denied.

## 12 **II. Statutory Screening of Prisoner Complaints**

13 The Court is required to screen complaints brought by prisoners seeking relief  
 14 against a governmental entity or an officer or an employee of a governmental entity. 28  
 15 U.S.C. § 1915A(a). The Court must dismiss a complaint or portion thereof if a plaintiff  
 16 has raised claims that are legally frivolous or malicious, that fail to state a claim upon which  
 17 relief may be granted, or that seek monetary relief from a defendant who is immune from  
 18 such relief. 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b)(1)–(2).

19 A pleading must contain a “short and plain statement of the claim *showing* that the  
 20 pleader is entitled to relief.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a)(2) (emphasis added). While Rule 8 does  
 21 not demand detailed factual allegations, “it demands more than an unadorned, the-  
 22 defendant-unlawfully-harmed-me accusation.” *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 556 U.S. 662, 678  
 23 (2009). “Threadbare recitals of the elements of a cause of action, supported by mere  
 24 conclusory statements, do not suffice.” *Id.*

25 “[A] complaint must contain sufficient factual matter, accepted as true, to ‘state a  
 26 claim to relief that is plausible on its face.’” *Id.* (quoting *Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly*,  
 27 550 U.S. 544, 570 (2007)). A claim is plausible “when the plaintiff pleads factual content  
 28 that allows the court to draw the reasonable inference that the defendant is liable for the

misconduct alleged.” *Id.* “Determining whether a complaint states a plausible claim for relief [is] . . . a context-specific task that requires the reviewing court to draw on its judicial experience and common sense.” *Id.* at 679. Thus, although a plaintiff’s specific factual allegations may be consistent with a constitutional claim, a court must assess whether there are other “more likely explanations” for a defendant’s conduct. *Id.* at 681.

But as the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has instructed, courts must “continue to construe *pro se* filings liberally.” *Hebbe v. Pliler*, 627 F.3d 338, 342 (9th Cir. 2010). A “complaint [filed by a *pro se* prisoner] ‘must be held to less stringent standards than formal pleadings drafted by lawyers.’” *Id.* (quoting *Erickson v. Pardus*, 551 U.S. 89, 94 (2007) (*per curiam*)).

If the Court determines that a pleading could be cured by the allegation of other facts, a *pro se* litigant is entitled to an opportunity to amend a complaint before dismissal of the action. *See Lopez v. Smith*, 203 F.3d 1122, 1127-29 (9th Cir. 2000) (*en banc*). Plaintiff’s First Amended Complaint will be dismissed for failure to state a claim, but because it may possibly be amended to state a claim, the Court will dismiss it with leave to amend.

### **III. First Amended Complaint**

In his First Amended Complaint, Plaintiff names 12 different Defendants, including the “AZ Governor,” the “AZ Attorney General,” the “Mayor of Phoenix,” and numerous “Commanders” at the Maricopa County Fourth Avenue Jail. In Count One, Plaintiff alleges a claim for “unlawful restriction[] on marriage licenses,” which he states is related to basic necessities, access to the courts, and the exercise of religion. In Count Two, Plaintiff alleges a claim for “unlawful restriction on mail,” which he states is related to basic necessities, mail, and access to the courts. In Count Three, Plaintiff alleges a claim for “unlawful restriction[] on visitation,” which he states is related to basic necessities, and the exercise of religion. In Count Four, Plaintiff alleges a claim related to “the quality of the food,” which he states arises under the “privileges and immunities” clause and constitutes “cruel and unusual punishment.” In Count Five, Plaintiff alleges a claim of

1 “inadequate legal resources.” And in Count Six, Plaintiff alleges a claim for  
 2 “unconstitutional restrictions on access of journalists to defendants.” Plaintiff seeks  
 3 injunctive relief and “one hundred billion USD” in damages.

#### 4 **IV. Failure to State a Claim**

5 To prevail in a § 1983 claim, a plaintiff must show that (1) acts by the defendants  
 6 (2) under color of state law (3) deprived him of federal rights, privileges or immunities and  
 7 (4) caused him damage. *Thornton v. City of St. Helens*, 425 F.3d 1158, 1163-64 (9th Cir.  
 8 2005) (quoting *Shoshone-Bannock Tribes v. Idaho Fish & Game Comm’n*, 42 F.3d 1278,  
 9 1284 (9th Cir. 1994)). In addition, a plaintiff must allege that he suffered a specific injury  
 10 as a result of the conduct of a particular defendant and he must allege an affirmative link  
 11 between the injury and the conduct of that defendant. *Rizzo v. Goode*, 423 U.S. 362, 371-  
 12 72, 377 (1976).

13 Plaintiff makes no allegations against any named Defendant. Accordingly, the First  
 14 Amended Complaint will be dismissed.

#### 15 **V. Leave to Amend**

16 Within 30 days, Plaintiff may submit a second amended complaint to cure the  
 17 deficiencies outlined above. The Clerk of Court will mail Plaintiff a court-approved form  
 18 to use for filing a second amended complaint. If Plaintiff fails to use the court-approved  
 19 form, the Court may strike the second amended complaint and dismiss this action without  
 20 further notice to Plaintiff.

21 Plaintiff must clearly designate on the face of the document that it is the “Second  
 22 Amended Complaint.” The second amended complaint must be retyped or rewritten in its  
 23 entirety on the court-approved form and may not incorporate any part of the original  
 24 Complaint or First Amended Complaint by reference. Plaintiff may include only one claim  
 25 per count.

26 A second amended complaint supersedes the original Complaint and First Amended  
 27 Complaint. *Ferdik v. Bonzelet*, 963 F.2d 1258, 1262 (9th Cir. 1992); *Hal Roach Studios v.*  
 28 *Richard Feiner & Co.*, 896 F.2d 1542, 1546 (9th Cir. 1990). After amendment, the Court

1 will treat the original Complaint and First Amended Complaint as nonexistent. *Ferdik*,  
2 963 F.2d at 1262. Any cause of action that was raised in the original Complaint or First  
3 Amended Complaint and that was voluntarily dismissed or was dismissed without  
4 prejudice is waived if it is not alleged in a second amended complaint. *Lacey v. Maricopa*  
5 *County*, 693 F.3d 896, 928 (9th Cir. 2012) (en banc).

6 If Plaintiff files an amended complaint, Plaintiff must write short, plain statements  
7 telling the Court: (1) the constitutional right Plaintiff believes was violated; (2) the name  
8 of the Defendant who violated the right; (3) exactly what that Defendant did or failed to  
9 do; (4) how the action or inaction of that Defendant is connected to the violation of  
10 Plaintiff's constitutional right; and (5) what specific injury Plaintiff suffered because of  
11 that Defendant's conduct. *See Rizzo*, 423 U.S. at 371-72, 377.

12 Plaintiff must repeat this process for each person he names as a Defendant. If  
13 Plaintiff fails to affirmatively link the conduct of each named Defendant with the specific  
14 injury suffered by Plaintiff, the allegations against that Defendant will be dismissed for  
15 failure to state a claim. **Conclusory allegations that a Defendant or group of**  
16 **Defendants has violated a constitutional right are not acceptable and will be**  
17 **dismissed.**

18 Plaintiff should be aware that the right of meaningful access to the courts prohibits  
19 officials from actively interfering with inmates' attempts to prepare or file legal documents.  
20 *Lewis v. Casey*, 518 U.S. 343, 350 (1996). The right of access to the courts is only a right  
21 to bring petitions or complaints to federal court and not a right to discover such claims or  
22 even to litigate them effectively once filed with a court. *Id.* at 354. The right "guarantees  
23 no particular methodology but rather the conferral of a capability—the capability of bringing  
24 contemplated challenges to sentences or conditions of confinement before the courts." *Id.*  
25 at 356.

26 As a matter of standing, for an access-to-courts claim, a plaintiff must show that he  
27 suffered an "actual injury" with respect to contemplated litigation. *Id.* at 349. To show  
28 actual injury with respect to contemplated litigation, the plaintiff must demonstrate that the



1 defendants' conduct frustrated or impeded him from bringing to court a nonfrivolous claim  
2 that he wished to present. *Id.* at 352-53.

3 "[T]he injury requirement is not satisfied by just any type of frustrated legal claim."  
4 *Id.* at 354. The right of access to the courts "does not guarantee inmates the wherewithal  
5 to transform themselves into litigating engines capable of filing everything from  
6 shareholder derivative actions to slip-and-fall claims." *Id.* at 355. The nonfrivolous claim  
7 must be a direct or collateral attack on the inmate's sentence or a challenge to the conditions  
8 of his confinement. *Id.* "Impairment of any *other* litigating capacity is simply one of the  
9 incidental (and perfectly constitutional) consequences of conviction and incarceration." *Id.*  
10 (emphasis in original).

11 Further, a pretrial detainee has a right under the Due Process Clause of the  
12 Fourteenth Amendment to be free from punishment prior to an adjudication of guilt. *Bell*  
13 *v. Wolfish*, 441 U.S. 520, 535 (1979). "Pretrial detainees are entitled to 'adequate food,  
14 clothing, shelter, sanitation, medical care, and personal safety.'" *Alvarez-Machain v.*  
15 *United States*, 107 F.3d 696, 701 (9th Cir. 1996) (quoting *Hoptowit v. Ray*, 682 F.2d 1237,  
16 1246 (9th Cir. 1982)). To state a claim of unconstitutional conditions of confinement  
17 against an individual defendant, a pretrial detainee must allege facts that show:

- 18 (i) the defendant made an intentional decision with respect to
- 19 the conditions under which the plaintiff was confined;
- 20 (ii) those conditions put the plaintiff at substantial risk of
- 21 suffering serious harm; (iii) the defendant did not take
- 22 reasonable available measures to abate that risk, even though a
- 23 reasonable official in the circumstances would have
- 24 appreciated the high degree of risk involved—making the
- consequences of the defendant's conduct obvious; and (iv) by
- not taking such measures, the defendant caused the plaintiff's
- injuries.

25 *Gordon v. County of Orange*, 888 F.3d 1118, 1125 (9th Cir. 2018).

26 Whether the conditions and conduct rise to the level of a constitutional violation is  
27 an objective assessment that turns on the facts and circumstances of each particular case.  
28 *Id.*; *Hearns v. Terhune*, 413 F.3d 1036, 1042 (9th Cir. 2005). However, "a de minimis

level of imposition” is insufficient. *Bell*, 441 U.S. at 539 n.21. In addition, the “‘mere lack of due care by a state official’ does not deprive an individual of life, liberty, or property under the Fourteenth Amendment.” *Castro v. County of Los Angeles*, 833 F.3d 1060, 1071 (9th Cir. 2016) (quoting *Daniels v. Williams*, 474 U.S. 327, 330-31 (1986)). Thus, a plaintiff must “prove more than negligence but less than subjective intent—something akin to reckless disregard.” *Id.*

Additionally, prisoners retain the First Amendment right directing that no law shall prohibit the free exercise of religion. *O’Lone v. Estate of Shabazz*, 482 U.S. 342, 348 (1987); *Henderson v. Terhune*, 379 F.3d 709 (9th Cir.2004). To state a First Amendment, free-exercise-of-religion claim, a plaintiff must allege that a defendant burdened the practice of plaintiff’s religion by preventing him from engaging in a sincerely held religious belief and that the defendant did so without any justification reasonably related to legitimate penological interests. *Shakur v. Schriro*, 514 F.3d 878 (9th Cir. 2008).

Plaintiff should also be aware that prisoners have “a First Amendment right to send and receive mail.” *Witherow v. Paff*, 52 F.3d 264, 265 (9th Cir. 1995) (*per curiam*) (citing *Thornburgh v. Abbott*, 490 U.S. 401, 407 (1989)). However, a prison may adopt regulations which impinge on an inmate’s constitutional rights if those regulations are “reasonably related to legitimate penological interests.” *Turner v. Safley*, 482 U.S. 78, 89 (1987).

## **VI. Motions**

### **A. Motion for Service**

Plaintiff’s Motion for Service is premature. As noted, the Court is required to screen complaints brought by prisoners seeking relief against a governmental entity or an officer or an employee of a governmental entity. 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(a). If and when Plaintiff files an amended complaint that sufficiently states a claim against one or more Defendants, the Court will direct that service be made. In the meantime, however, Plaintiff’s Motion will be denied.

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1           **B.     Motion for Counsel**

2           There is no constitutional right to the appointment of counsel in a civil case. *See*  
 3 *Ivey v. Bd. of Regents of the Univ. of Alaska*, 673 F.2d 266, 269 (9th Cir. 1982). In  
 4 proceedings in forma pauperis, the court may request an attorney to represent any person  
 5 unable to afford one. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(1). Appointment of counsel under 28 U.S.C.  
 6 § 1915(e)(1) is required only when “exceptional circumstances” are present. *Terrell v.*  
 7 *Brewer*, 935 F.2d 1015, 1017 (9th Cir. 1991). A determination with respect to exceptional  
 8 circumstances requires an evaluation of the likelihood of success on the merits as well as  
 9 the ability of Plaintiff to articulate his claims pro se in light of the complexity of the legal  
 10 issue involved. *Id.* “Neither of these factors is dispositive and both must be viewed  
 11 together before reaching a decision.” *Id.* (quoting *Wilborn v. Escalderon*, 789 F.2d 1328,  
 12 1331 (9th Cir. 1986)).

13           Having considered both elements, it does not appear at this time that exceptional  
 14 circumstances are present that would require the appointment of counsel in this case.  
 15 Plaintiff is in no different position than many pro se prisoner litigants. Thus, the Court will  
 16 deny without prejudice Plaintiff’s Motion for Appointment of Counsel.

17           **C.     Motions for Injunction**

18           Plaintiff has filed three Motions seeking preliminary injunctive relief (Docs. 10, 11,  
 19 and 12). To obtain a preliminary injunction, the moving party must show “that he is likely  
 20 to succeed on the merits, that he is likely to suffer irreparable harm in the absence of  
 21 preliminary relief, that the balance of equities tips in his favor, and that an injunction is in  
 22 the public interest.” *Winter v. Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc.*, 555 U.S. 7, 21  
 23 (2008). The moving party has the burden of proof on each element of the test.  
 24 *Environmental Council of Sacramento v. Slater*, 184 F. Supp. 2d 1016, 1027 (E.D. Cal.  
 25 2000).

26           Here, because Plaintiff has failed to state a claim in his Complaint, he has  
 27 necessarily failed to demonstrate that he is likely to succeed on the merits of his claims,  
 28 and is thus not entitled to preliminary injunctive relief. As such, Plaintiff’s Motions will

1 be denied.

2 **VII. Warnings**

3 **A. Address Changes**

4 If Plaintiff's address changes, Plaintiff must file and serve a notice of a change of  
5 address in accordance with Rule 83.3(d) of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure. Plaintiff  
6 must not include a motion for other relief with a notice of change of address. Failure to  
7 comply may result in dismissal of this action.

8 **B. Possible Dismissal**

9 If Plaintiff fails to timely comply with every provision of this Order, including these  
10 warnings, the Court may dismiss this action without further notice. *See Ferdik*, 963 F.2d  
11 at 1260-61 (a district court may dismiss an action for failure to comply with any order of  
12 the Court).

13 **IT IS ORDERED:**

14 (1) The First Amended Complaint (Doc. 7) is **dismissed** for failure to state a  
15 claim. Plaintiff has **30 days** from the date this Order is filed to file a second amended  
16 complaint in compliance with this Order.

17 (2) If Plaintiff fails to file a second amended complaint within 30 days, the Clerk  
18 of Court must, without further notice, enter a judgment of dismissal of this action with  
19 prejudice and deny any pending unrelated motions as moot.

20 (3) Plaintiff's Motion for Change of Judge (Doc. 6), Motion for Service of  
21 Process (Doc. 8), Motion for Appointment of Counsel (Doc. 13), and Motions for  
22 preliminary injunctive relief (Docs. 10, 11, and 12) are **denied**.

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1 (4) The Clerk of Court must mail Plaintiff a court-approved form for filing a  
2 civil rights complaint by a prisoner.

3 Dated this 3rd day of May, 2019.  
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7 **James A. Teilborg**  
8 **Senior United States District Judge**  
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**EXHIBIT 2**

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**U.S. District Court  
DISTRICT OF ARIZONA (Phoenix Division)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 2:19-cv-00323-JAT--CDB**

Taebel v. Ducey

Assigned to: Senior Judge James A Teilborg

Referred to: Magistrate Judge Camille D Bibles (PS)

Demand: \$1,000,000,000

Related Cases: 2:18-cv-01122-JAT--ESW

2:18-cv-01167-JAT--ESW

2:18-cv-01183-JAT--ESW

2:18-cv-01569-JAT--ESW

2:18-cv-01653-JAT--ESW

2:18-cv-01654-JAT--ESW

Case in other court: Maricopa County Superior Court,  
CV2019-000061

Cause: 28:1441 Petition for Removal- Civil Rights Act

Date Filed: 01/18/2019

Jury Demand: Defendant

Nature of Suit: 555 Prisoner: Prison  
Condition

Jurisdiction: Federal Question

**Plaintiff**

**Mitch Taebel**

represented by **Mitch Taebel**

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**Defendant**

**William Montgomery**  
Maricopa County Attorney

Date Filed	#	Docket Text
01/18/2019	<u>1</u>	NOTICE OF REMOVAL from Maricopa County Superior Court, case number CV2019-000061. Filing fee received: \$ 400.00, receipt number 0970-16432063 filed by Douglas A Ducey. (Babione, Byron) (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Supplemental Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>3</u> Exhibit A)(MFR) (Entered: 01/18/2019)
01/18/2019		***STATE COURT RECORD RECEIVED***SERVICE EXECUTED : Certificate of Service re: Summons, Civil Complaint-Jury Trial, Certificate of Compulsory Arbitration, and Plaintiff's Demand for Jury Trial upon Douglas A Ducey on 1/3/2019 (Original filed in Maricopa County Superior Court on 1/9/2019). (MFR) This is a TEXT ENTRY ONLY. There is no PDF document associated with this entry. (Entered: 01/18/2019)
01/18/2019	<u>2</u>	NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT (MFR) (Entered: 01/18/2019)
01/22/2019	<u>3</u>	DEFENDANT'S DEMAND for Jury Trial by Douglas A Ducey. (Babione, Byron) (Entered: 01/22/2019)
01/22/2019	<u>4</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer by Douglas A Ducey. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Babione, Byron) (Entered: 01/22/2019)
01/28/2019	<u>5</u>	ORDER - IT IS ORDERED: The Complaint (Doc. <u>1</u> -3 at 4-7) is dismissed for failure to comply with Rule 3.4 of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure. Plaintiff has 30 days from the date this Order is filed to file a first amended complaint in compliance with this Order. If Plaintiff fails to file an amended complaint within 30 days, the Clerk of Court must, without further notice, enter a judgment of dismissal of this action without prejudice and deny any pending unrelated motions as moot. Defendant's Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to Complaint (Doc. <u>4</u> ) is denied as moot. (See document for complete details). Signed by Senior Judge James A Teilborg on 1/28/19. (SLQ) (Entered: 01/28/2019)
02/01/2019	<u>6</u>	MOTION for Change of Judge by Mitch Taebel. (2 pages) (REK) (Entered: 02/04/2019)
03/01/2019	<u>7</u>	First AMENDED COMPLAINT against All Defendants filed by Mitch Taebel. (22 pages)(MSA) (Entered: 03/05/2019)



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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

Mitch Taebel,

Plaintiff,

v.

Douglas A. Ducey,

Defendant.

No. CV 19-00323-PHX-JAT (ESW)

**ORDER**

On or about January 2, 2019, Plaintiff Mitch Taebel, who is confined in a Maricopa County Jail, filed a pro se Complaint in Maricopa County Superior Court. Defendant was served shortly thereafter, and, on January 18, 2019, timely removed the matter to this Court and paid the filing fee. Subsequently, Defendant filed a Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to Complaint (Doc. 4). The Court will dismiss the Complaint with leave to amend, and deny the Motion as moot.

**I. Jurisdiction**

A defendant may remove any civil action brought in state court over which the federal court would have original jurisdiction. 28 U.S.C. §1441(a). That is, a civil action that could have originally been brought in federal court may be removed from state to federal court. *Caterpillar Inc. v. Williams*, 482 U.S. 386, 392 (1987). A federal court has original jurisdiction “of all civil actions arising under the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States.” 28 U.S.C. § 1331.

The Complaint in this case facially supports the existence of federal subject matter

jurisdiction because Plaintiff alleges violations of his federal constitutional rights. 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a). Further, the case was timely removed. 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b). Accordingly, the Court will accept jurisdiction over this matter.

## **II. Complaint Not on Court-Approved Form**

Pursuant to Local Rule of Civil Procedure 3.4, Plaintiff is required to use a court-approved form when he files a pro se civil rights complaint. Plaintiff's Complaint is not on the court's approved form. While the Court may, in its discretion, forgo the requirement that a plaintiff use a court-approved form, *see* Local Rule of Civil Procedure 3.4, the Court will require Plaintiff to use the court-approved form here because the Complaint does not substantially comply with the court-approved form. Accordingly, the Court will dismiss the Complaint, with leave to amend, for failure to comply with Local Rule 3.4.<sup>1</sup>

## **III. Leave to Amend**

Within 30 days, Plaintiff may submit a first amended complaint to cure the deficiencies outlined above. The Clerk of Court will mail Plaintiff a court-approved form to use for filing a first amended complaint. If Plaintiff fails to use the court-approved form, the Court may strike the amended complaint and dismiss this action without further notice to Plaintiff.

Plaintiff must clearly designate on the face of the document that it is the "First Amended Complaint." The first amended complaint must be retyped or rewritten in its entirety on the court-approved form and may not incorporate any part of any previous complaint by reference. Plaintiff may include only one claim per count.

A first amended complaint supersedes any previous complaints. *Ferdik v. Bonzelet*, 963 F.2d 1258, 1262 (9th Cir. 1992); *Hal Roach Studios v. Richard Feiner & Co.*, 896 F.2d 1542, 1546 (9th Cir. 1990). After amendment, the Court will treat any previous complaint as nonexistent. *Ferdik*, 963 F.2d at 1262. Any cause of action that was raised in a previous

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<sup>1</sup> Because the Court will dismiss the Complaint with leave to amend, the Court will deny Defendant's Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to Complaint as moot. If Plaintiff files an amended complaint that sufficiently states a cause of action against Defendant, the Court will call for an answer and set a briefing schedule at that time.

1 complaint and that was voluntarily dismissed or was dismissed without prejudice is waived  
 2 if it is not alleged in a first amended complaint. *Lacey v. Maricopa County*, 693 F.3d 896,  
 3 928 (9th Cir. 2012) (en banc).

4 If Plaintiff files an amended complaint, Plaintiff must write short, plain statements  
 5 telling the Court: (1) the constitutional right Plaintiff believes was violated; (2) the name  
 6 of the Defendant who violated the right; (3) exactly what that Defendant did or failed to  
 7 do; (4) how the action or inaction of that Defendant is connected to the violation of  
 8 Plaintiff's constitutional right; and (5) what specific injury Plaintiff suffered because of  
 9 that Defendant's conduct. *See Rizzo v. Goode*, 423 U.S. 362, 371-72, 377 (1976).

10 Plaintiff must repeat this process for each person he names as a Defendant. If  
 11 Plaintiff fails to affirmatively link the conduct of each named Defendant with the specific  
 12 injury suffered by Plaintiff, the allegations against that Defendant will be dismissed for  
 13 failure to state a claim. **Conclusory allegations that a Defendant or group of**  
 14 **Defendants has violated a constitutional right are not acceptable and will be**  
 15 **dismissed.**

#### 16 **IV. Warnings**

##### 17 **A. Address Changes**

18 If Plaintiff's address changes, Plaintiff must file and serve a notice of a change of  
 19 address in accordance with Rule 83.3(d) of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure. Plaintiff  
 20 must not include a motion for other relief with a notice of change of address. Failure to  
 21 comply may result in dismissal of this action.

##### 22 **B. Copies**

23 Plaintiff must submit an additional copy of every filing for use by the Court. *See*  
 24 LRCiv 5.4. Failure to comply may result in the filing being stricken without further notice  
 25 to Plaintiff.

##### 26 **C. Possible Dismissal**

27 If Plaintiff fails to timely comply with every provision of this Order, including these  
 28 warnings, the Court may dismiss this action without further notice. *See Ferdik*, 963 F.2d

1 at 1260-61 (a district court may dismiss an action for failure to comply with any order of  
2 the Court).

3 **IT IS ORDERED:**

4 (1) The Complaint (Doc. 1-3 at 4-7) is **dismissed** for failure to comply with Rule  
5 3.4 of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure. Plaintiff has **30 days** from the date this Order  
6 is filed to file a first amended complaint in compliance with this Order.

7 (2) If Plaintiff fails to file an amended complaint within 30 days, the Clerk of  
8 Court must, without further notice, enter a judgment of dismissal of this action without  
9 prejudice and deny any pending unrelated motions as moot.

10 (3) Defendant's Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to Complaint (Doc.  
11 4) is **denied as moot**.

12 (4) The Clerk of Court must mail Plaintiff a court-approved form for filing a  
13 civil rights complaint by a prisoner.

14 Dated this 28th day of January, 2019.

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James A. Teilborg  
Senior United States District Judge

**Additional material  
from this filing is  
available in the  
Clerk's Office.**