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IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Aaron Cortez

(Your Name)

— PETITIONER

VS.

Agape Adoption Agency of Arizona, Inc. et al.

— RESPONDENT(S)

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

The petitioner asks leave to file the attached petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Please check the appropriate boxes:

☒ Petitioner has previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the following court(s):

Superior Court of Arizona

Maricopa County

☐ Petitioner has **not** previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in any other court.

☐ Petitioner's affidavit or declaration in support of this motion is attached hereto.

☐ Petitioner's affidavit or declaration is **not** attached because the court below appointed counsel in the current proceeding, and:

☐ The appointment was made under the following provision of law: _____

, or

☒ a copy of the order of appointment is appended. (2 pages)

Dated this 15th day of September 2026.

[Signature]

(Signature)

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

JS22201

9/17/2025

HONORABLE THOMAS MARQUOIT

CLERK OF THE COURT
B. Hoffman
Deputy

IN THE MATTER OF:


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JEAN ELAINE WEST

LISA M SIMPSON

AARON CORTEZ
NO ADDRESS ON RECORD

JUVENILE OFFICE OF PUBLIC
DEFENSE SERVICES
AGAPE ADOPTION AGENCY OF
ARIZONA INC

APPEAL COUNSEL APPOINTED

Pursuant to the Court's Order of 9/17/2025,

THE COURT FINDS that the father is indigent for the purposes of appointing counsel.

IT IS ORDERED appointing an attorney to represent the father, Aaron Cortez, on the matter under appeal.

Counsel is invited to inspect the legal file in person and obtain copies of any additional documents required.

The Office of Public Defense Services staff has advised counsel appointed herein by telephone of an appeal.

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Failure to contact your attorney within thirty days of the date of this Order may result in the Court discharging the attorney and may cause no attorney to be appointed in the future. In addition, failure to stay in contact with your attorney may be considered a lack of interest by you and may cause your attorney to be discharged by the Court.