

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA  
MARICOPA COUNTY

CV 2024-091563

06/17/2024

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DOBBINS CROSSING HOMEOWNERS  
ASSOCIATION OF PHOENIX

W WILLIAM NIKOLAUS

v.

DARREN DARNELLE WARD

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1025 W SIESTA WAY  
PHOENIX AZ 85041

CV ARBITRATION  
JUDGE COFFEY

**MINUTE ENTRY**

Plaintiff has requested service by alternative means pursuant to Rule 4.1 of the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure. Rule 4.1 (k) provides as follows:

Alternative Means of Service.

(1) *Generally.*

If a party shows that the means of service provided in Rule 4.1(c) through Rule 4.1(j) are impracticable, the court may--on motion and without notice to the person to be served--order that service may be accomplished in another manner.

(2) *Notice and Mailing.* If the court allows an alternative means of service, the serving party must make a reasonable effort to provide the person being served with actual notice of the action's commencement. In any event, the serving party must mail the summons, the pleading being served, and any court order authorizing an alternative means of service to the last-known business or residential address of the person being served.

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(3) *Service by Publication*. A party may serve by publication only if the requirements of Rule 4.1(l), 4.1(m), 4.2(f), or 4.2(g) are met and the procedures provided in those rules are followed.

Whether traditional service is “impractical,” defined as “extremely difficult or inconvenient” is a fact specific inquiry. *See Blair v. Burgener*, 226 Ariz. 213, 245 P.3d 898 (App. 2010). Plaintiff has not demonstrated that service is impractical in this case. Only a few attempts to serve Defendant were made over a short period of time. Plaintiff must demonstrate multiple unsuccessful attempts at varying times and proof that a skip trace has been performed before the Court will authorize alternative service. Accordingly,

**IT IS ORDERED** denying Plaintiff’s request for service by alternative means, without prejudice to Plaintiff filing a renewed motion if further efforts at personal service are unsuccessful.