

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

CV 2024-025345

10/15/2024

HONORABLE M. SCOTT MCCOY

CLERK OF THE COURT
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Deputy

SHADOW MOUNTAIN VILLAS
CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION OF PHOENIX

ERICA L MORTENSON

v.

TA FOU LING, et al.

TA FOU LING
3511 E BASELINE RD UNIT 1049
PHOENIX AZ 85042

SHENG CHIN LING
3511 E BASELINE RD UNIT 1049
PHOENIX AZ 85042
JUDGE MCCOY

EVIDENTIARY HEARING SET

East Court Building – Courtroom 612

9:10 a.m. This is the time set for a hearing on an Order to Show Cause. Appearing on behalf of Plaintiff, Shadow Mountain Villas Condominium Association, is counsel, Erica L. Mortenson. Defendants, Ta Fou Ling and Sheng Chin Ling, did not appear.

Due to the fact that Defendants did not appear, no hearing took place, and no FTR recording was made.

Counsel requests the Court to set an Evidentiary Hearing.

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IT IS ORDERED setting an Evidentiary Hearing on **November 22, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.** (time allotted: **one hour**). Counsel and parties shall **appear in person** before:

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MARICOPA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
EAST COURT BUILDING
6TH FLOOR, COURTROOM 612
101 WEST JEFFERSON
PHOENIX, AZ 85003
(602) 372-3603

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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 a half-day and \$280 for a full day.

Based on the foregoing,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED counsel *may* file a Pretrial Brief by **November 15, 2024**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED counsel *may* present witnesses' and/or experts' direct testimony via affidavit/declaration or expert witness report. Each side is limited to three (3) witness affidavits, and the affidavits are limited to 10 pages each. Unless counsel agree in writing, the **witnesses must be available to testify** at the time of the hearing. The witness affidavits and expert reports, in lieu of live testimony, must be exchanged and attached to the Joint Prehearing Statement.

TRIAL EXHIBITS - EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS

IT IS ORDERED that the parties submit any proposed hearing exhibits as follows:

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1. **Submit Hearing Exhibits through Case Center.** This division is using Case Center (also known as Case Lines), a statewide electronic exhibit portal. Attorneys must submit exhibits through Case Center; Self-Represented Litigants can request to opt-out of Case Center by contacting the judge's division at 602-372-3603. Unless otherwise ordered, Exhibits must be submitted at least 5 business days before the hearing as provided below.

2. **Opting Out of Case Center (Self-Represented Litigants only).** A Self-Represented Litigant may opt out of Case Center no less than 10 calendar days before the trial/evidentiary hearing (or within 24 hours of being served with notice if the party is served less than 10 calendar days before the evidentiary hearing). The Self-Represented Litigant must email the other Self-Represented Litigants or counsel and the assigned judicial division to notify the court that they are opting out and to request instructions for submitting exhibits. Self-Represented Litigants must comply with the deadline for submitting Exhibits. Each party must make sure the Court has the party's valid current email address. If you do not have an email address, you can obtain a free one through accounts.google.com. Each party must register for Case Center at www.azcourts.gov/digitalevidence. The website has links to training resources that will guide you through uploading exhibits and navigating Case Center. The Clerk of Court will email each party (or their attorney of record) a case-specific Case Center link that the party will use to upload exhibits. For assistance with Case Center invitations only, email the Clerk of Court at COCEXhibitQuestions@maricopa.gov. The email subject line should include the case number. The body of the email should include the parties' names, the assigned judge's name, and explain that the sender is requesting help with a Case Center invitation.

3. **Exhibit Format.** Case Center accepts most digital formats (including photographs, PDFs, Word files, audio files, and video files). Case Center automatically numbers the exhibits. Plaintiff/Petitioner's exhibits have an A- prefix (Exhibit A1, A2, etc.) and Defendant/Respondent's exhibits have a B- prefix (Exhibit B1, B2, etc.). During the hearing, the parties must refer to exhibits using the Case Center exhibit numbers. For assistance with Case Center, contact AOC Support Services at (602) 452-3519 (option 5) or pasupport@courts.az.gov, Monday – Friday 7 AM – 6 PM, excluding State holidays.

4. **Exhibit Upload Assistance.** Scanners are available at each of the regional court Law Library Resource Centers. Each scanner has an attached computer and instructions on how to upload exhibits into Case Center.

5. **Exchange Exhibits.** At least 5 business days (not including weekends) before the hearing, you must give the other party copies of all exhibits you submitted for use at the hearing.

6. **Physical Exhibits.** The Courtroom Clerk will handle marking physical exhibits for Self-Represented Litigants who opt out of Case Center. Attorneys who submit physical exhibits must

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create a placeholder in Case Center and include “Physical Exhibit” in the name of the exhibit prior to submitting the physical exhibit(s) to the judge’s division. The collection of physical exhibits must have a Physical Exhibit Case Coversheet that includes the following: (1) the name of the party submitting the exhibit(s); (2) the case number; (3) the date of hearing; and (4) the exhibit number(s) and description(s). In addition, each individual exhibit must have an Exhibit Coversheet printed on color paper indicating the physical exhibit’s exhibit number in Case Center. For Self-Represented Litigants, if any individual exhibit is a document that is longer than ten (10) pages, each page of the exhibit should be numbered. Division staff will provide the exhibits to the Courtroom Clerk for marking. The Courtroom Clerk will mark physical exhibit(s) with the same exhibit number used in Case Center

7. **Devices and WiFi.** If needed, hearing participants may request to use a court-provided devices to view and present exhibits during an evidentiary hearing. All requests for access to a court-provided device must be submitted to the division via email 5 calendar days before the Hearing. Hearing participants can connect to the court’s free MCPUBLIC WiFi for up to 90 minutes. For evidentiary hearings/trials longer than 90 minutes, WiFi users, the parties may request access to MCSponsored WiFi which will allow access to WiFi without the need to reconnect after 90 minutes by emailing the assigned division 10 calendar days in advance of any Hearing. Self-Represented Litigant access will be valid for 60 days; lawyer and nonlawyer representative access will be valid for 365 days.

8. **Remote Witnesses.** Any party who calls a witness who is appearing remotely (i.e., by telephone or videoconference) should either (1) provide the witness with a copy of all exhibits or (2) ensure that the remote witness has an electronic device available that allows them to view exhibits displayed on a screen through either Case Center or Teams.

9. **Exhibit Presentation During Hearings.** Unless indicated otherwise in any hearing-specific court minute entry or order, offerors may, but are not required to, use Case Center to present (e.g., show to the court, a witness, or the jury) evidence during a Hearing. Options for presentation of evidence include but are not limited to the following: (1) use of paper copies of the exhibits that have been uploaded to Case Center; (2) use of evidence presentation software and/or PDF viewers to display PDFs of exhibits that have been uploaded to Case Center; (3) screen sharing of Case Center through Court Connect (Teams); and (4) use of Case Center “Presentation” mode to share exhibits. Parties are strongly encouraged to download PDFs of their Case Center exhibits and/or have paper copies available in the event there are technological difficulties in the courtroom.

10. **Additional resources.** For Case Center related training and questions, the parties may wish to visit the Thomson Reuters Case Center Home Page at <https://answers.legalprof.thomsonreuters.com/casecenter-us/search>. For technical issues with

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Case Center, parties may contact AOC Support Services Monday – Friday from 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM, excluding State holidays, at (602) 452-3519, 1-800-720-7743 (toll free), or pasupport@courts.az.gov. The parties may also wish to review A.O. 2024-080 at [ao2024-080-re-use-of-case-center-in-the-civil-department.pdf](https://www.maricopa.gov/ao2024-080-re-use-of-case-center-in-the-civil-department.pdf) ([maricopa.gov](https://www.maricopa.gov)) for additional information regarding Case Center.

- Exhibits must be appropriately titled. Any exhibit title containing derogatory or prejudicial information will be renamed by the Clerk.
- Do not put exhibit numbers in your exhibit titles. Case Center will assign an exhibit number to each exhibit upon upload, and will number Plaintiff's exhibits and Defendant's exhibits separately (e.g., Plaintiff's exhibit 1; Defendant's exhibit 1, etc.).
- Do not submit duplicate exhibits. **It is essential that the parties confer to avoid submitting duplicate exhibits.**
- Original Depositions will not be marked as an exhibit. **Original** depositions to be used for impeachment purposes shall be provided in paper form to the Clerk on the first day of the hearing/trial to be hand-filed.
- If large charts or blow-ups are anticipated to be used, please include a small version (or photo) which can be marked as the exhibit. The charts and blow-ups are used for demonstrative purpose only, are not marked as the exhibits, and are returned.

The Court, Clerk, and all counsel and self-represented parties will have access to the exhibits through Case Center. The Court will not have paper copies of exhibits available for witnesses. Counsel may use the Case Center presentation software or may use their own trial presentation software to present exhibits to witnesses and the jury, as long as counsel can avow that the exhibits they present are true and accurate copies of the Court's exhibits. These matters will be discussed further at the Final Trial Management Conference.

Further information about Case Center and training materials can be found at:
<https://www.azcourts.gov/digitalevidence/Digital-Evidence-Information>

NOTICE: Exhibits Marked But Not Offered

Exhibits submitted to the Court for an evidentiary hearing/trial, whether through hard copy or submitted electronically, that are marked as exhibits but are **not offered into evidence** at

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the hearing/trial will be destroyed following the hearing/trial, unless a party requests that the evidence be returned prior to the conclusion of the hearing/trial.