

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA  
MARICOPA COUNTY

CV 2024-034695

10/10/2025

HONORABLE DAVID MCDOWELL

CLERK OF THE COURT  
S. Ortega  
Deputy

DESSAULES LAW GROUP

JONATHAN A DESSAULES

v.

DEBORAH MICHELE MINAMYER

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6945 E COCHISE RD # 136  
PARADISE VALLEY AZ 85253

JUDGE MCDOWELL

**ORDER FOR DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS**

Pending before the Court is *Plaintiff's Motion for Release and Disbursement of Interpled Funds* filed August 22, 2025; *Defendant's Objection to Plaintiff's Motion for Release and Disbursement of Interpled Funds and Request for Release of Funds to Defendant* filed September 9, 2025; and *Plaintiff's Reply in Support of Motion for Release and Disbursement of Interpled Funds* filed September 22, 2025.

By way of background, in 2022, an action was filed against Ms. Minamyer by Montelenas Villas Homeowners Association under Maricopa County cause number CV2022-001790. Ms. Minamyer was represented by Dessauls Law Group in that action. That matter was presided over by Judge John Blanchard. The parties in that action attended a mediation in March 2024. Following the mediation a mediator's proposal was issued and accepted by counsel for Ms. Minamyer. In August 2024 Ms. Minamyer signed the settlement agreement. Subsequently, counsel for Ms. Minamyer, at her direction, filed a notice of disavowal of the settlement and then withdrew as her counsel. The Homeowner's Association filed a motion to enforce the settlement. In January 2025, Judge Blanchard heard oral arguments concerning the settlement agreement and subsequently entered an order affirming the settlement between Montelenas Villas Homeowners Association and Ms.

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Minamyer. Judge Blanchard's January 2025 order is a final order pursuant to Rule 54(c), Ariz.R.Civ.Proc.

In December 2024, Dessauls Law Group filed this action to collect the fees charged to Ms. Minamyer in the CV2022-001790 action filed by Montelenas Villas Homeowners Association. In May 2025, Judge Coffey entered a judgment in favor of Dessauls Law Group in the sum of \$110,509.99 plus post-judgment interest at the rate of 9.5 percent from May 9, 2025 until paid in full.

Also in May 2025, Montelenas Villas Homeowners Association intervened in this action seeking to tender the settlement funds from its settlement with Ms. Minamyer to the Court for disbursement. Its request for intervention was granted. In July 2025 it deposited \$180,000.00 into the Court registry and was discharged from this action.

Now Dessauls Law Group requests this Court disburse the \$180,000.00. Dessauls Law Group requests that \$121,538.58 be paid to it. This sum is comprised of \$110,000.00 in principal, \$509.99 in costs, and \$11,028.59 in post-judgment interest incurred between May 2025 and August 31, 2025. The Court notes the interest calculation prepared by Dessauls Law Group is incorrect.<sup>1</sup>

Ms. Minamyer's *Objection* raises the issue of whether a settlement agreement was actually reached in the underlying litigation and the timing of events in that litigation. Those are not issues before this Court. This Court has no authority to modify, set-aside, or in any manner alter the decision rendered by Judge Blanchard in CV2022-001790, that authority resides with Judge Blanchard and the appellate courts of this state.<sup>2</sup> Additionally, Ms. Minamyer argues Dessauls Law Group has no right to the funds. However, Judge Coffey ruled otherwise when he granted Dessauls Law Group's Motion for Summary Judgment and entered a judgment in its favor.

**IT IS ORDERED** granting Dessauls Law Group's *Motion for Release and Disbursement of Interpled Funds*.

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<sup>1</sup> Post judgment interest is simple interest. The May 2025 Judgment awarded post-judgment interest not pre-judgment interest. The number of days which elapsed between May 9, 2025 and August 31, 2025 is 114. To calculate the daily interest charges we determine the total interest accrued over a year ( $\$110,509.99 \times .095 = \$10,498.44$ ) and divide that sum by 365 to arrive at \$28.76 per day. If we multiply the daily interest rate of \$28.76 by the number of days that judgment has been outstanding – 154 days as of October 10, 2025 – we arrive at the total interest charges incurred - \$4,429.48.

<sup>2</sup> A party cannot challenge the decision of one trial judge by seeking review by another trial judge. See *Powell-Cerkoney v. TCR-Montana Ranch Joint Venture, II*, 176 Ariz. 275 (1993).

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**IT IS ORDERED** the Clerk of the Court shall issue a check to Dessauls Law Group in the sum of \$114,939.47.

**IT IS ORDERED** the Clerk of the Court shall issue a check to Deborah Minamyer in the sum of \$65,060.53.

Plaintiff's Motion indicates it is seeking recovery of fees and costs incurred in this action. Costs were already included in Judge Coffey's May 2025 Judgment although the Court expects additional costs have been incurred. If Plaintiff intends to file a motion for fees and costs the motion shall be filed no later than **October 24, 2025**. Any response shall be filed no later than **November 5, 2025**. No reply shall be filed.