



**SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY
COURT OF APPEALS**

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SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA
INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
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Raven Lopez and Michelle Thomas,

Appellants,

In the Matter of the Estate of:

Lynford Edwardo Lopez, Sr.

Case No.: **AP-25-0002**
(P-20-0035 below)

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

Before Justices Austin, Dworkin, and Guss.

This matter came before the Court of Appeals based on two pro se documents, one designated Motion and the other Motion for Reconsideration, filed by Raven Lopez and Michelle Thomas. The documents were filed in response to the January 6, 2025 Under Advisement Probate Order issued by Judge Utsey in this probate proceeding. Nothing in the record indicates what prompted the issuance of that Probate Order. The Order itself states in Paragraph 6, page 3, "The court will set further hearings in this matter by separate minute order."

Despite the headings on the pleadings submitted by Lopez and Thomas, this case is really an attempt to appeal Judge Utsey's order that the home at issue in this case, "is an integral part of the homesite lease and should pass with it according the [sic] beneficiary designation of the homesite lease and is thus outside the probate jurisdiction of the court." (Paragraph 1, p. 3)

As Judge Utsey has indicated that further hearings are to be set in this probate case, the case is not yet final. The Salt River Rules of the Community Court do not permit appeals from orders or judgments that are not final (Article 5, Rule 2).

Therefore, the Court of Appeals ORDERS that the Appeals Case No. AP-25-0002, filed by Raven Lopez and Michelle Thomas is DISMISSED.

ISSUED this 21st day of February, 2025.



Electronically approved February 21, 2025

/s/ Joseph K. Austin
Joseph Austin, **Justice**

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/s/ Judith M. Dworkin
Judith M. Dworkin, **Justice**

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/s/ Mary Guss
Mary Guss, **Justice**