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ARIZONA SUPERIOR COURT  
MARICOPA COUNTY

23 KARI LAKE,  
24 Plaintiff/Contestant,  
25 v.  
26 KATIE HOBBS,  
27 Defendant/Contestee.

No. CV2022-095403

**GOVERNOR-ELECT KATIE  
HOBBS'S MOTION FOR  
SANCTIONS AND JOINDER IN  
MARICOPA COUNTY  
DEFENDANTS' MEMORANDUM  
AND POINTS OF AUTHORITY**

Assigned to Hon. Peter Thompson

1 On December 24, 2022, this Court denied Plaintiff’s contest and entered an order  
2 “confirming the election of Katie Hobbs as Arizona Governor-Elect pursuant to A.R.S. §  
3 16-676(B). Now, having fully prevailed in this matter, Governor-Elect Katie Hobbs  
4 respectfully moves this Court for an award of her attorneys’ fees pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-  
5 349 because this action and its claims were brought “without substantial justification.”  
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7 **I. The Governor-Elect is entitled to Fees.**

8 The Governor-Elect joins in the Memorandum and Points of Authority of the  
9 Maricopa County Defendants’ Motion for Sanctions. As demonstrated by Maricopa  
10 County’s Motion, both the substance of Plaintiff’s claims and the manner in which they  
11 were brought demonstrates that they were brought without “substantial justification” and  
12 Plaintiff “[u]nreasonably expand[ed] or delay[ed] the proceeding.” A.R.S. § 12-349(A)(1),  
13 (3). That is, Plaintiff’s claims were “groundless and not made in good faith” such that  
14 sanctions under section 12-349 are required. See A.R.S. § 12-349(F).

15 **II. The Governor-Elect requests the Court enter judgment under Rule 54(b),**  
16 **reserving the amount of sanctions.**

17 The Governor-Elect shares the Court’s sense of urgency in confirming the results of  
18 the election she won. Under the circumstances, however, the Governor-Elect urges the  
19 Court to “direct the entry of final judgment” confirming the results of the election and to  
20 make “an express determination that there is no just reason for delay” of that judgment.  
21 *Ariz. R. Civ. P. 54(b); see also Brumett v. MGA Home Healthcare, L.L.C.*, 380 P.3d 659,  
22 665 (App. 2016) (describing the difference between a judgment entered under 54(b), which  
23 allows for appeal when not all claims are resolved, and 54(c), which allows for appeal once  
24 all claims are resolved).

25 Considering the compressed schedule on which this matter has proceeded and the  
26 urgency in once and for all concluding judicial involvement in the question of the 2022  
27 Governor’s election, this is an example of “the rare case in which a judgment on the merits  
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1 of a cause would be appropriate prior to resolution of attorneys' fees" and thus this "court  
2 may certify the entry of a 'merits' judgment under Rule 54[b]." *Kim v. Mansoori*, 214 Ariz.  
3 457 n.2 (App. 2007). Particularly, the Governor-Elect's counsel will need time to export  
4 all billing records from their electronic timekeeping systems and then fully review all  
5 timekeeping records and exercise "billing judgment" including making "a good faith effort  
6 to exclude from a fee request hours that are excessive, redundant, or otherwise  
7 unnecessary." *Hensley v. Eckerhart*, 461 U.S. 424, 434 (1983); *see also Schweiger v. China*  
8 *Doll Rest., Inc.*, 138 Ariz. 183, 188 (App. 1983) (among other things discussing and setting  
9 forth Arizona procedures and standards for fee applications).

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11 **III. In the alternative, the Governor-Elect request that the Court grant her partial  
fee application.**

12 If the Court is inclined to grant Governor-Elect Hobbs's motion for sanctions but  
13 disinclined to reserve judgment on the amount of attorneys' fees ordered, the Governor-  
14 Elect submits a partial fee application and supporting declarations based on estimated fees  
15 for this contest and those expenses and fees that are finalized and/or easily ascertainable at  
16 this time.

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18 Governor-Elect Hobbs retained Elias Law Group LLP and Perkins Coie LLP to  
19 represent her in this contest. Both firms instruct their attorneys to enter their time in internal  
20 timekeeping systems. In general, at the end of each month, a partner reviews the time  
21 entries for accuracy and reasonableness, makes necessary adjustments, and then sends an  
22 invoice. Neither firm has completed that process for December; moreover, the compressed  
23 timeline between the entrance of the order on December 24 and the deadline for submitting  
24 this motion (8 am on December 26) has precluded either firm from reviewing the time  
25 entries for this matter pursuant to its standard protocols.

1           Nonetheless, the Governor-Elect’s counsel is able to provide an estimate of their  
2 total fees for this contest as well as an accounting of a subset of those fees and expenses  
3 that are definite and not subject to adjustment under the firm’s standard protocols.

4           **Estimated Fees**

5           *Estimated fees for additional legal services in connection with the election contest:*  
6 \$550,210.00, of which \$457,032.50 is for Elias Law Group (as set forth in the Khanna  
7 Declaration) and \$93,177.50 is for Perkins Coie (as set forth in the Danneman Declaration).  
8 This estimated fee total represents the adjusted value of the total lawyer and support staff  
9 hours currently entered in each firm’s timekeeping system that will later be subject to each  
10 firm’s standard bill review protocol.

11           **Definite Fees and Expenses**

12           *Fees incurred for lawyer and staff support time in court for two days of trial in this*  
13 *matter (December 21-22, 2022) and the motion to dismiss hearing (December 19, 2022):*  
14 \$56,585.00, of which \$35,762.50 is for Elias Law Group (as set forth in the Khanna  
15 Declaration) and \$20,822.50 is for Perkins Coie (as set forth in the Danneman Declaration).  
16 These fees for a fixed period of time (2 hours on December 19, 6.5 hours on December 21,  
17 and 7.5 hours on December 22), do not require a detailed review of invoices, and will not  
18 be revised pursuant to the firms’ standard bill review process.

19           *Expenses incurred for expert witness, Kenneth Mayer:* As set forth in the Khanna  
20 Declaration, Elias Law Group incurred \$22,451.00 to retain an expert witness, Kenneth  
21 Mayer, who testified at the trial.

22           *Fees incurred for ballot inspection (December 20, 2022):* \$4,689.50. These fees for  
23 a fixed period of time (8.3 hours on December 20), do not require a detailed review of  
24 invoices, and will not be revised pursuant to the firms’ standard bill review process.  
25 Governor-Elect Katie is entitled to these fees under A.R.S. § 16-677(B).  
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