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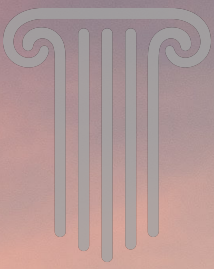
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## **Legal Update: Arizona Embraces Technological Advancements**

Effective January 1, 2024, the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure were amended allowing the use and acceptance of electronic signatures and notarized documents. The amendments mark a pivotal shift toward embracing modern technology in legal practices. Under Rule 5.1, “[t]he clerk must accept for filing any document that purports to have a signature, including documents that appear to be electronically signed or electronically notarized in accordance with applicable law. If the authenticity or sufficiency of an electronic signature or electronic notarization is disputed, a judicial officer will make a determination under applicable substantive law.” Ariz. R. Civ. P. 5.1(f).

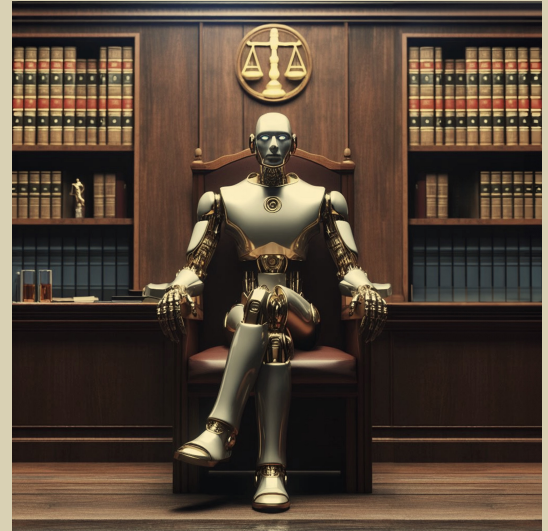
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**AI Update:** As a company, we always want to push our boundaries for excellence. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is quickly becoming a game-changer in the legal industry. From document review to contract analysis, AI is streamlining processes and increasing efficiency. But what does this mean for the future of the legal landscape? Embracing AI means embracing a future of smarter and more effective legal services. With AI, legal professionals can focus on strategic planning and client engagement, while leaving other tasks to technology. This not only saves time and resources but also improves accuracy and reduces the risk of human error. So, don't get left behind in the fast-paced world of legal services.

**You can have data without information, but you cannot have information without data.**

Daniel Keys  
Moran



### **FAQ: What should I look for in an attorney?**

When searching for an attorney, it's important to find someone who is not only knowledgeable and experienced but also trustworthy and compassionate. Look for an attorney who specializes in the area of law that your case involves and who has a track record of success in similar cases. Make sure the attorney is someone who listens to your concerns and answers your questions in a clear and concise manner. You want an attorney who will advocate for you and fight for your best interests, while also keeping you informed throughout the process. With the right attorney by your side, you can have peace of mind knowing that you have the best legal representation possible.

### **Case Study: Arizona Court of Appeals Affirms Superior Court's Authority in *Jurju v. Ile***

In a recent ruling, the Arizona Court of Appeals held that a superior court has jurisdiction to enjoin a separate forcible entry and detainer judgment issued by a different court. *Jurju v. Ile*, 534 P.3d 926 (2023). The case involved two families working together to run a business. The first family obtained a forcible entry and detainer judgment against the second family, who later sought a preliminary injunction. The court granted the injunction prompting an appeal on the issue of whether the superior court had authority to do so. The Court of Appeals found an exception to the Injunction Limits Act, allowing for an injunction. The decision relied on facts emphasizing allegations of wrongful eviction and breach of contract. This confirmed the superior court's authority to issue the injunction, setting a precedent for such interventions.