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To: State Leadership Team  
From: State Director  
Subject: Appeal and Litigation Cases

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**Purpose:** Provide the Director with a list of litigation cases and to periodically report on the status of those cases.

**Background:** Arizona has not maintained any central list of issues in litigation, until now we have relied on the memory of the Field Solicitor. Appeal information is generally available from LR 2000.

**Policy/Action:** Arizona will develop and maintain a centralized list of appeal and litigation cases in the State Office (this may ultimately be developed as an internal web page).

Ted Bingham, Special Assistant to the State Director, has been asked to head up this effort and provide liaison with the Washington Office.

Each Field Office Manager is to report on litigation cases in which they are involved. Deputy State Directors are to report on litigation cases that do not directly involve a Field Office, i.e., a general FOIA appeal/litigation or litigation involving a cadastral survey. Reports are to be submitted to the State Director (AZ-910), Attention: Ted Bingham.

On appeal cases, Field Offices are reminded to enter any appeal and subsequent appeal actions into LR2000. Information from LR 2000 will be utilized to provide a summary list. If data in addition to that contained in LR 2000 is required, Mr. Bingham will contact the appropriate office.

A summary of Arizona's Appeal/Litigation cases, by office, based on material from AZ-930 and LR 2000 is attached. It may be used as a base or start for your reports.

**Time frame: July 12, 2002** - Submit initial reports containing as much of the information requested on the attached *Litigation Tracking Form* as possible. Detail can be added later.

**August 1, 2002** and the first of each month thereafter - Submit only updates or changes that have occurred since the last report.

**Manual/Handbook Sections Affected:** None

**Contact:** Questions should be directed to Ted Bingham at (602) 417-9301.

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Attachments:

1. Litigation Tracking Form (1 p.)
2. Summary of Appeal Cases (5 pp.)