

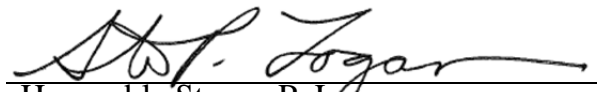
1 ordered the petitioner to obtain consent through the respondents' counsel before
2 contacting a victim and, in the event a victim did not consent, ordered briefing on the
3 applicability of Arizona's victims' rights laws. In denying the petitioner's motion for
4 reconsideration of the order, the court explained that its "directive requiring Petitioner to
5 obtain consent from Respondents' counsel to contact victims furthers the rights to dignity
6 and privacy set forth in § 3771(a)(8). It is a reasonable limitation that does not unfairly
7 disadvantage Petitioner." (*Id.*, Doc. 29.)

8 This Court agrees with the reasoning in *Sansing*. Whether or not § 13-4433(B)
9 directly applies to these proceedings, the mechanism it establishes furthers the goal of
10 respecting a crime victim's dignity and privacy without unduly burdening Petitioner.

11 Accordingly,

12 **IT IS ORDERED** that Petitioner's Motion for Order Precluding Defense Team
13 from Contacting Victims (Doc. 12) is **granted**. No person who is defined as a victim in
14 this matter pursuant to Arizona law shall be contacted by anyone working with or on
15 behalf of Petitioner or Petitioner's counsel unless the victim, through counsel for
16 Respondents, has consented to such contact. If consent is not provided and Petitioner
17 nonetheless believes contact is necessary, Petitioner may file a motion with the Court
18 explaining the necessity for such contact and further addressing the applicability of
19 Arizona's provisions governing the rights of victims.

20 Dated this 21st day of July, 2015.

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23 Honorable Steven P. Logan
24 United States District Judge
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