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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

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Philip Coble,

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No. CV-09-8021-PCT-LOA

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Plaintiff,

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**ORDER**

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vs.

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Gary H. Butler, et al.,

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Defendants.

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Plaintiff has filed a Motion to Join Additional Parties, docket # 38, seeking to join

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Michael Ray Fuquas’ “case to this one due to similarity in the nature of both cases.” (docket

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# 38) It is unclear whether Plaintiff seeks to join Michael Ray Fuquas as a Plaintiff in this

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matter, or whether he seeks to consolidate this matter with a separate action brought by Michael

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Ray Fuquas. Upon review of CM/ECF, however, the Court did not find any cases brought by

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this individual. Thus, it appears that Plaintiff simply seeks to join Michael Ray Fuquas as a

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party.

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Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 19 governs joinder of parties and sets forth the

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circumstances under which a party must be joined. Fed.R.Civ.P. 19(a). Plaintiff’s motion

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consists of a single sentence requesting joinder “due to similarity in the nature of both cases.”

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(docket # 38) Similarity between cases is not a sufficient basis for joinder under Rule 19(a).

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Plaintiff does not provide any other arguments in support of joinder, and has not satisfied the

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requirements of Rule 19(a).

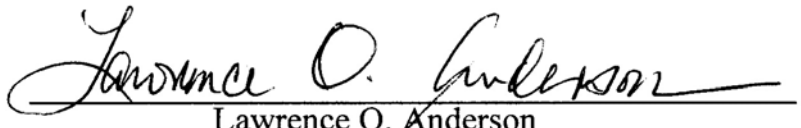
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**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Plaintiff's Motion to Join Additional Parties  
(docket # 38) is **DENIED**.

DATED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009.



Lawrence O. Anderson  
United States Magistrate Judge