

YAVAPAI COUNTY
Self Service Center

**HOW TO OBJECT TO A COURT PETITION ABOUT
EMANCIPATION OF A MINOR**

- 1. WHO CAN FILE AN OBJECTION:** Generally, you must have some valid interest in the case to be able to file an OBJECTION TO A PETITION about emancipation. If you receive copies of the court papers from the Petitioner or his/her attorney, you will probably be allowed to file an Objection.
- 2. IF YOU CHOOSE TO FILE AN OBJECTION, WHEN SHOULD IT BE FILED:** You must file the Objection with the Clerk of the Court no later than **thirty (30) days** after you receive the court papers.
- 3. WHO GETS COPIES OF THE OBJECTION:** **Mail or hand-deliver a copy** of your Objection to the Petitioner or his/her attorney. You should also **mail or hand-deliver** copies to everyone else the petitioner identified on the petition.
- 4. WHAT TO SAY IN THE OBJECTION:** Tell the Judge as simply as you can what you object to, and why. Write neatly in **black ink**, and be sure you give enough detail about why you disagree with the Petition.
- 5. GOING TO THE HEARING:** If you file the Objection, you should go to the Court hearing to be available to tell the Judge why you disagree with the Petition and to answer any questions the Judge might have. It is up to the Judge to let you testify or not. The Judge will make this decision based upon your relationship with the Minor, the nature of your objections, time available, and other factors.