

ARIZONA COURT MAY EXERCISE PERSONAL JURISDICTION OVER NON-RESIDENT DEFENDANTS WHO POSSESS PURPOSEFUL, MINIMUM CONTACTS WITH STATE

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The Planning Group of Scottsdale v. Lake Mathews Mineral Properties, Ltd.
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This case involves a suit between Arizona Plaintiffs and California Defendants.

TPG, an Arizona LLC, contacted Defendant LMMP, a California limited partnership, regarding providing investment capital for an LMMP mining operation. To negotiate TPG's investment, LMMP employees initiated several phone calls, e-mails, faxes, and letters to TPG in Arizona. TPG employees traveled to California for faceto- face meetings regarding the investment.

The court found that California-based LMMP's contacts with Arizona-based TPG, culminating in investment capital from TPG to LMMP, were sufficient minimum contacts to exercise personal jurisdiction over non-resident LMMP. Moreover, given that the Plaintiffs were Arizona companies, that Arizona law applied, and that LMMP was located in a neighboring state, the court found it reasonable to exercise personal jurisdiction over LMMP.