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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PINAL**

Pilot Program in the )  
Apache Junction Justice Court )  
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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
NO. 2009 - 83**

**WHEREAS** the volume of cases in the Apache Junction Justice Court, Precinct #7, has reached a magnitude where the timely processing of cases will be negatively impacted, if a justice of the peace *pro tempore* is not regularly authorized for this Court,

**WHEREAS** case scheduling is handled more efficiently by establishing a set schedule and standard assignment for a regular justice of the peace *pro tempore*,

**WHEREAS** the assignment of a regular justice of the peace *pro tempore* provides the opportunity for a standing reassignment policy, following a notice of change of judge, and a standing reassignment policy shall promote judicial economy,

**WHEREAS** the Apache Junction Justice of the Peace has agreed to assist the Presiding Judge in the development of a centralized system to permit one justice of the peace *pro tempore* to electronically preside over one or more remote justice courts, when needed, and thereby reduce the need to engage justices of the peace *pro tempore* to provide onsite coverage of justice courts, and

**WHEREAS** the Presiding Judge and Presiding Justice of the Peace have jointly authorized this Administrative Order.

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** appointing and authorizing Justice of the Peace *Pro Tempore* Dwight Callahan to serve one regularly scheduled, eight hour workday, each week in Justice Precinct #7, on a regular weekday designated by Justice of the Peace Dennis Lusk, including any additional hours required for jury trials for assigned cases, as well as any additional time which is authorized by the Presiding Judge. This

appointment is at the pleasure and direction of the Presiding Judge, subject to regular review, and shall be compensated at the regular rate of pay for a justice of the peace *pro tempore* in Justice Precinct #7.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Justice of the Peace Lusk shall determine which matters to regularly assign to Pro Tem Callahan, as he deems appropriate. This Administrative Order does not change the existing authority of Justice of the Peace Lusk to make use of other justices of the peace *pro tempore*, per existing policy, but he shall make full use of Pro Tem Callahan's regular assignment before engaging other compensated judicial officers.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that upon receipt of any notice of change of Judge as a matter of right, pursuant to rule or statute, in Justice Precinct #7, the case shall be permanently reassigned according to the following order:

1. Pro Tem Callahan, unless he has previously been struck or recused himself from hearing the matter;
2. Justice of the Peace Lusk, unless he has previously been struck or recused himself from hearing the matter;
3. Justice of the Peace *Pro Tempore* Charles Adornetto, unless he has previously been struck or recused himself from hearing the matter; and
4. In all other circumstances, the case shall be referred to the Presiding Justice of the Peace for reassignment.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that upon receipt of any notice of change of Judge for cause, pursuant to rule or statute, in Justice Precinct #7, the hearing for cause shall be assigned according to the following order:

1. Pro Tem Callahan, unless he has previously been struck or recused himself from hearing the matter;
2. Justice of the Peace Lusk, unless he has previously been struck or recused himself from hearing the matter;
3. Pro Tem Adornetto, unless he has previously been struck or recused himself from hearing the matter; and
4. In all other circumstances, the case shall be referred to the Presiding Justice of the Peace for hearing.

As a matter of judicial economy, the judicial officer who hears the notice of change of judge for cause may retain the case as a permanent assignment, if all parties agree.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Justice of the Peace Lusk, Pro Tem Callahan, Special Master Manager Hank Gooday, and Deputy Court Administrator Stephanie Jordan shall

work together in the development of a prototype, centralized system to permit one justice of the peace *pro tempore* to electronically preside over one or more remote justice courts, when needed, and thereby reduce the need to engage justices of the peace *pro tempore* to provide onsite coverage of justice courts. This system shall utilize existing resources to the maximum extent possible and shall be scalable to meet the needs of all justice courts. Input shall be solicited from all justices of the peace, and updates shall be provided to the Presiding Judge and Presiding Justice of the Peace at regular meetings of the justices of the peace, and as requested.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2009



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Honorable Robert Carter Olson,  
Presiding Judge



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Honorable Marie "Toni" Lorona,  
Presiding Justice of the Peace

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