

FILED  
AMANDA STANTFORD  
CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

2016 OCT 21 PM 4:11

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

IN THE MATTER OF ASSIGNMENT AND )  
DUTIES OF THE SUPERIOR COURT ) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
JUDGES/JUDGES PRO TEM (JPT). )  
\_\_\_\_\_ )  
No. 2016 - *00062*

**WHEREAS** the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Arizona in and for Pinal County is the chief judicial officer of the county and has administrative authority over all courts in Pinal County, pursuant to Article VI of the Arizona Constitution and Arizona Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2005-32 (revised May 16, 2005); and

**WHEREAS** the Superior Court is modifying certain caseload practices in an ongoing effort to enhance the efficiency of the Judicial Branch of Government in Pinal County, and the resource demands placed on the Superior Court have changed since prior Administrative Orders that allocated caseloads; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED** affirming all current duties and assignments of all full-time and part-time judicial officers of the Superior Court, except where modified by the Administrative Order, effective January 2, 2017.

**FAMILY**

**IT IS ORDERED** that Judge Karl C. Eppich (KCE), Judge Delia R. Neal, and Judge Patrick K. Gard shall be assigned to the Family Bench; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Judge Richard T. Platt (RTP) shall be assigned to the Family Bench and shall be directly supervised by the Presiding Family Law Judge, except that the Presiding Judge shall continue to assign temporary court-calendar coverage duties as required. This assignment includes matters assigned under the FLC Case Management Plan issued by the Family Law Presiding Judge and approved by the Presiding Judge such as processing miscellaneous IVD files, non IVD motions, issues related to establishment, or modification or enforcement of child support only, certain trials which may be conducted in two hours or less; and, reviewing/signing consent decrees and default dissolution decrees including those in which a hearing is required.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that all new Family Law or Domestic Relations cases (identified by the prefix DO), shall be assigned to Judge Karl C. Eppich (KCE), Judge Delia R. Neal (DRN) and Judge Patrick K. Gard (PKG) as determined by the two terminal digits of each Domestic Relations file as follows:

Delia R. Neal (DRN) and Judge Patrick K. Gard (PKG) as determined by the two terminal digits of each Domestic Relations file as follows:

00 DRN	10 PKG	20 KCE	30 DRN	40 PKG	50 KCE	60 DRN	70 PKG	80 KCE	90 DRN
01 PKG	11 KCE	21 DRN	31 PKG	41 KCE	51 DRN	61 PKG	71 KCE	81 DRN	91 PKG
02 KCE	12 DRN	22 PKG	32 KCE	42 DRN	52 PKG	62 KCE	72 DRN	82 PKG	92 KCE
03 DRN	13 PKG	23 KCE	33 DRN	43 PKG	53 KCE	63 DRN	73 PKG	83 KCE	93 DRN
04 PKG	14 KCE	24 DRN	34 PKG	44 KCE	54 DRN	64 PKG	74 KCE	84 DRN	94 PKG
05 KCE	15 DRN	25 PKG	35 KCE	45 DRN	55 PKG	65 KCE	75 DRN	85 PKG	95 KCE
06 DRN	16 PKG	26 KCE	36 DRN	46 PKG	56 KCE	66 DRN	76 PKG	86 KCE	96 DRN
07 PKG	17 KCE	27 DRN	37 PKG	47 KCE	57 DRN	67 PKG	77 KCE	87 DRN	97 PKG
08 KCE	18 DRN	28 PKG	38 KCE	48 DRN	58 PKG	68 KCE	78 DRN	88 PKG	98 KCE
09 DRN	19 PKG	29 KCE	39 DRN	49 PKG	59 KCE	69 DRN	79 PKG	89 KCE	99 DRN

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that all pending domestic relation cases that have been open for 240 days or less currently assigned to Judge DeLana J. Fuller (DJF) shall be reassigned to Judge Patrick G. Gard (PKG). These matters should be reassigned as soon as practical, by whatever method deemed most appropriate by the Presiding Family Law Judge, but case transfer shall be completed no later than April 15, 2017, and thereafter on a case-by-case basis by the Presiding Family Law Judge.

**CIVIL**

**IT IS ORDERED** that Judge Joseph R. Georgini (JRG), Judge Brenda E. Oldham (BEO) and Judge Stephen F. McCarville (SFM), shall be assigned to the civil bench.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that all new Civil files (identified by the prefix (CV), regardless of the specific case type, filed on or after **January 1, 2017**, shall be assigned to Judge Joseph R. Georgini (JRG), Judge Brenda E. Oldham (BEO) and the Judge Stephen F. McCarville (SFM), as determined by the two terminal digits of each new Civil file, as follows:

00 JRG	10 BEO	20 SFM	30 JRG	40 BEO	50 SFM	60 JRG	70 BEO	80 SFM	90 JRG
01 BEO	11 SFM	21 JRG	31 BEO	41 SFM	51 JRG	61 BEO	71 SFM	81 JRG	91 BEO
02 SFM	12 JRG	22 BEO	32 SFM	42 JRG	52 BEO	62 SFM	72 JRG	82 BEO	92 SFM
03 JRG	13 BEO	23 SFM	33 JRG	43 BEO	53 SFM	63 JRG	73 BEO	83 SFM	93 JRG
04 BEO	14 SFM	24 JRG	34 BEO	44 SFM	54 JRG	64 BEO	74 SFM	84 JRG	94 BEO
05 SFM	15 JRG	25 BEO	35 SFM	45 JRG	55 BEO	65 SFM	75 JRG	85 BEO	95 SFM
06 JRG	16 BEO	26 SFM	36 JRG	46 BEO	56 SFM	66 JRG	76 BEO	86 SFM	96 JRG
07 BEO	17 SFM	27 JRG	37 BEO	47 SFM	57 JRG	67 BEO	77 SFM	87 JRG	97 BEO
08 SFM	18 JRG	28 BEO	38 SFM	48 JRG	58 BEO	68 SFM	78 JRG	88 BEO	98 SFM
09 JRG	19 BEO	29 SFM	39 JRG	49 BEO	59 SFM	69 JRG	79 BEO	89 SFM	99 JRG

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that all pending civil cases that have been open for 1 year or less currently assigned to Judge Daniel A. Washburn (DAW), shall be reassigned to Judge Brenda E. Oldham (BEO); all pending civil cases that have been open for 1 year or less currently assigned to Judge Jason R. Holmberg (JRH) shall be reassigned to Judge Joseph R. Georgini (JRG); and all pending civil cases that have been open for 1 year or less currently assigned to Judge Lawrence M. Wharton be assigned per the civil matrix. These matters should be reassigned as soon as practical, by whatever method deemed most appropriate by the Presiding Civil Judge, but case transfer shall be completed no later than April 15, 2017, and thereafter on a case-by-case basis by the Presiding Civil Judge.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** the Civil Presiding Judge may delegate the following additional Civil proceedings to Judge Richard T. Platt (RTP) and/or Judge Dwight P. Callahan: all cases in which the Plaintiff is in custody of the ADOC or other correctional facility or jail; [this authority includes Habeas Corpus and civil rights litigation] lower court appeals; garnishment; supplemental proceedings; provisional remedy in replevin; forcible entry and detainer, change of name, civil forfeiture, requests related to service of process; and other matters with the consent of the Presiding Judge. In any such delegations, the assigned Superior Court's staff shall provide support to Judges Platt and Callahan, consistent with current practice on this caseload.

### **CRIMINAL**

**IT IS ORDERED** that Judge Jason R. Holmberg (JRH), Judge Kevin D. White (KDW), Judge Steven J. Fuller (SJF), Judge Henry G. Gooday (HGG), and Judge Lawrence M. Wharton (LMW), shall be assigned to the criminal bench.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that all new Criminal files (identified by the prefix CR), except for those matters assigned to specialty courts, such as "Early Disposition Court", shall be assigned to Judge Jason R. Holmberg (JRH), Judge Kevin D. White (KDW), Judge Steven J. Fuller (SJF), and Judge Lawrence M. Wharton (LMW), as periodically determined by separate Order of the Presiding Criminal Judge.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Judge Henry G. Gooday be assigned to the Early Disposition Court, the Probation and Restoration Court along with other duties as assigned by the Presiding Criminal Judge, including settlement conferences in criminal matters.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Presiding Criminal Judge shall direct the reassignment of the current Criminal caseload of Judge Joseph R. Georgini, that have been open less than 210 days and are not currently set for trial to Judge Jason R. Holmberg (JRH), considering potential conflicts, as well as any cases that the Presiding Criminal Judge determines that Judge Joseph R. Georgini should complete. The Presiding Criminal Judge shall also direct the reassignment of the current Criminal caseload of Judge Richard T. Platt, which have been open less than 150 days and are not currently set for trial to Judge Lawrence M. Wharton (LMW), considering potential

conflicts, as well as any cases that the Presiding Criminal Judge determines that Judge Richard T. Platt should complete. These matters should be reassigned as soon as practical, by whatever method deemed most appropriate by the Presiding Criminal Judge, but case transfer shall be completed no later than September 15, 2017, and thereafter on a case-by-case basis by the Presiding Criminal Judge.

### **JUVENILE COURT**

**IT IS ORDERED** that Judge Daniel A. Washburn (DAW), Judge DeLana J. Fuller (DJF), and Judge Megan K. Weagant (MKW) shall be assigned to the juvenile bench.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any open Dependency and Severance cases that were previously assigned to Judge Brenda E. Oldham (BEO) and to Judge Henry G. Gooday (HGG) shall be reassigned to Judge Daniel A. Washburn (DAW) if the last 2 terminal digits are even numbered, and, to Judge DeLana J. Fuller (DJF) if the last 2 terminal digits are odd numbered, after considering potential conflicts.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that in all new cases, using the last two terminal digits, Judge Daniel A. Washburn (DAW) shall preside over all even numbered dependency matters; and, Judge DeLana J. Fuller (DJF) shall preside over all odd numbered dependency matters, including pre-protective hearings every Monday and Wednesday. The objective, to the fullest extent possible and practical, is to focus on all issues including pre-protective placement and permanency and thereby achieving the earliest appropriate adjudication of such matters, which is consistent with the best interests of the child.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that all delinquency matters shall be reassigned to Judge Megan K. Weagant.

### **SPECIALTY COURTS/ASSIGNMENTS**

**IT IS ORDERED** that Judge Joseph R. Georgini shall continue to be assigned the mental health cases, and Criminal Rule 11 proceedings.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Judge Steven J. Fuller will preside over the Domestic Violence Court; Judge Wharton will continue to preside over the Fines, Fees and Restitution Court; Judge Holmberg will continue to preside over the Adult Drug Court in Casa Grande and Judge Neal will continue to preside over the Adult Drug Court in Apache Junction.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Judge Neal will continue to preside over the Veterans Court and, upon implementation, will also preside over the Mental Health Court.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Judge Dwight P. Callahan shall be assigned coverage as directed by the Presiding Judge, the Presiding Civil Judge, or designee. The objective, to the fullest extent possible and practical is for Judge Callahan to be available for coverage on an as needed basis.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Judge Robert C. Olson serve as the Presiding Probate Judge (Guardianship/Conservator matters); the Court's Special Billing Master and preside over "complex" civil cases as assigned by the Presiding Civil Judge. Judge Robert C. Olson shall have a dual reporting relationship with the Presiding Judge and Presiding Civil Judge.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that at all times possible, emergency hearings involving children or Orders of Protection should be heard by the Family Bench and Injunctions Against Harassment and civil Temporary Restraining Orders should be heard by the Civil Bench. In addition, Judges D. Callahan, L. Wharton, C. Olson, D. Fuller, R. Platt, P. Gard and M. Weagant shall cover emergency hearings, any coverage as directed by the Presiding Judge, or designee, as per existing practice until further order.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Initial Appearance on-call requests shall be covered by Judges D. Callahan, L. Wharton, D. Fuller, R. Platt, R. Olson and P. Gard on a schedule approved by the Presiding Criminal Judge.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that petitions for Post-Conviction Relief shall be heard on a schedule determined by the Presiding Criminal Judge and approved by the Presiding Judge.

#### **DESIGNATION OF PRESIDING JUDGES**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Judge Kevin D. White is reappointed as the Associate Presiding Judge of Pinal County, as previously approved by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Judge Daniel A. Washburn is appointed as the Presiding Juvenile Court Judge of Pinal County.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** delegating the authority of the Presiding Judge to the following jurists as presiding judges of their respective benches:

Hon. Steven J. Fuller, Presiding Criminal Judge  
 Hon. Daniel A. Washburn, Presiding Juvenile Court Judge  
 Hon. Karl C. Eppich, Presiding Family Law Judge  
 Hon. Joseph R. Georgini, Presiding Civil Judge  
 Hon. R. Carter Olson, Presiding Probate Judge

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Presiding Judge for each bench is delegated general authority over their bench, except as modified or limited by Administrative Order or direction by the Presiding Judge, and shall specifically supervise Judges that are assigned to the bench, coordinate coverage, and, reassign cases within the bench as required.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2016



Honorable Stephen F. McCarville,  
Presiding Judge

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court  
Copies: Judges, Pinal County  
Lando Voyles, Pinal County Attorney  
Amanda Stanford, Clerk of the Court  
Greg Stanley, County Manager  
James Mannato, Public Defender  
Todd D. Zweig, Court Administrator  
Rod McKone, Adult Probation Department  
David Rodriguez, Chief Criminal Deputy County Attorney  
Victims' Assistance Program  
Elsa Montiel, Chief Deputy