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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PINAL

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IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING A)	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
SELF-REPRESENTATION STUDY)	
COMMITTEE IN PINAL COUNTY)	2017 - <u>00054</u>
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WHEREAS, the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Arizona in and for Pinal County is the Chief Judicial Executive Officer of the County and has administrative supervision over all courts in Pinal County pursuant to Article VI of the Arizona Constitution and Arizona Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2017-79; and

WHEREAS, the Presiding Judge seeks to align the Court with the Chief Justice's "Advancing Justice Together" Strategic Plan as it relates to promoting access to justice and improving court processes and procedures to better serve the public; and

WHEREAS, the family court has a high percentage of cases involving self-represented litigants that have difficulty with complex court rules and procedures; and delay of prompt resolution of these cases results in further conflict, instability and harm to children and family relationships; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of more comprehensive assistance to self-represented litigants will result in more meaningful access to the court and prevent delay and confusion to the parties.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the Self-Representation Study Committee is established as follows:

1. **Purpose.** The Committee shall review and consider the following areas in addition to topics and/or issues as deemed appropriate by the Chair:
 - a. Determine array of services to be provided;
 - b. Coordination of all staffing issues;
 - c. Equipment needs and/or improvements.
2. **Membership.** The individuals listed in Appendix A are appointed as members of the Committee beginning upon entry of this Order. The Committee Chair may appoint additional members as may be necessary.
3. **Meetings.** Committee meetings shall be scheduled at the discretion of the Chair.

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4. **Staff.** Pinal County Superior Court Administration shall provide staff for the Committee.
5. **Recommendations.** Recommendations shall be forwarded to the Presiding Judge/Court Administrator as appropriate.

Dated this 30 day of October, 2017.



Honorable Stephen F. McCarville
Presiding Judge

APPENDIX A

SELF-REPRESENTATION STUDY COMMITTEE

Honorable Delia R. Neal – Chair
Presiding Family Court Judge

Tracy McElroy,
Conciliation Court Director

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