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

IN THE MATTER OF ASSIGNMENT AND )  
DUTIES OF THE SUPERIOR COURT )  
JUDGES, COURT COMMISSIONERS/ )  
JUDGES PRO TEM (JPT). )  
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

No. 2018 - 0006

**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. 2017-79; and

**WHEREAS** the Honorable Karl Eppich has been appointed to the Court of Appeals, Division II, which required the reassignment of his caseload, and, the Honorable Christopher J. O'Neil has been appointed to the Pinal County Superior Court bench, modification of the current allocation of resources is necessary;

**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 this Administrative Order, effective January 26, 2018.

**CRIMINAL**

**IT IS 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 the Hon. Steven J. Fuller (SJF), Hon. Jason R. Holmberg (JRH), Hon. Christopher J. O'Neil (CJO), and Hon. Lawrence Wharton (LMW), as periodically determined by separate Order of the Presiding Criminal Judge.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Presiding Criminal Judge shall direct the reassignment of the current Criminal cases of Judge Kevin D. White, that were filed on or after March 1, 2017 and are not currently set for trial before March 31, 2018, to Judge Christopher J. O'Neil (CJO), considering potential conflicts. The Presiding Criminal Judge shall also direct the reassignment of the current Criminal cases of Judge Kevin

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D. White (KDW), that were filed before March 1, 2017, and are not currently set for trial before March 31, 2018 to either Judge Steven J. Fuller (SJF) or Judge Christopher J. O'Neil (CJO), considering potential conflicts, except those cases that Judge Kevin D. White determines that he 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 February 28, 2018, and thereafter on a case-by-case basis by the Presiding Criminal Judge.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that all ex-parte motions for appointment of experts shall be heard or decided by the Hon. Robert C. Olson (RCO), commencing July 1, 2018.

**MENTAL HEALTH/ RULE 11**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that all Mental Health cases (identified by the prefix MH), pursuant to A.R.S § 36-501; and, any criminal cases in which the competency and/or restoration of the defendant is at issue pursuant to Rule 11 of the Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure, except those matters assigned to the Mental Health/ Veterans Treatment Court established by AO201500057, shall be heard by the Hon. Henry G. Gooday (HGG) commencing April 1, 2018.

**FAMILY**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that all new Family Law or Domestic Relations cases (identified by the prefix DO), shall be assigned to the Hon. Delia R. Neal (DRN); the Hon. Kevin D. White; the Hon. Patrick K. Gard; and the Hon. Richard T. Platt (RTP) as determined by the two terminal digits of each Domestic Relations file as follows:

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

### **FAMILY LAW COMMISSIONER/IVD**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the all new Family Law or Domestic Relations cases (identified by the prefix DO), which proceed to a default hearing; and, any case to establish, enforce or modify child support that the Arizona Attorney General Office is the attorney of record, shall be heard by the Honorable Dwight P. Callahan on a designated "Family Law Commissioner" calendar, commencing July 1, 2018.

### **GUARDIANSHIP/CONSERVATORSHIP**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that all Guardianship and/or Conservatorship cases (identified by the prefix GC/CO), filed pursuant to Title 14 of the Arizona Revised Statutes currently being heard by the Hon. Robert C. Olson (RCO) on the designated Guardianship/Conservatorship calendar shall be heard by the Hon. Kevin D. White (KDW) commencing July 1, 2018.

### **ADOPTIONS**

**IT IS ORDERED** that commencing March 1, 2018, all adoptions filed by a private party shall be assigned to the Hon. Stephen F. McCarville (SFM) and all adoption cases filed by the Arizona Attorney General or Pinal County Attorney Office shall be assigned to the Hon. Brenda E. Oldham (BEO)

### **JUVENILE DEPENDENCY/DELINQUENCY**

**IT IS ORDERED** that Judge Daniel A. Washburn (DAW) and Judge DeLana A. Fuller (DJF) shall continue to preside over all dependency matters, including pre-protective hearings every Monday and Wednesday. The objective, to the fullest extent possible and practical, is for the assigned Dependency Superior Court Judge to address all issues including pre-protective placement and permanency and thereby achieve the earliest appropriate adjudication of such matters, which is consistent with the best interests of the child.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any open private Severance cases that were previously assigned to the Hon. Meghan Weagant (MW) and not concluded by June 30, 2018, or, filed after that date shall be reassigned to the Hon. Daniel A. Washburn;

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that all delinquency matters currently assigned to the Hon. Meghan Weagant, and those filed after July 1, 2018, shall be reassigned to the Hon. Kevin D. White (KDW) as the "Juvenile Delinquency Judge" commencing July 1, 2018.

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018



Honorable Stephen F. McCarville,  
Presiding Judge

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