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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PINAL

IN RE:

THE TRANSFER OF PENDING  
FILES; REORGANIZATION OF  
JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

NO. 2008-00 23

**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**, four broad categories of cases have been organized into separate Courts as follows: Family Court, Criminal Court, Civil Court and Juvenile Court; these Courts have been established to ensure proper case processing of the related duties and cases that would or could arise under each such category and judges have been assigned to those Courts, effective April 15, 2008; and,

**WHEREAS**, Administrative Order No. 2008-00 18 has been issued directing the assignment and distribution to the various judges of cases filed on and after April 15, 2008, it is also necessary that existing cases be reassigned and distributed between and among the judges based upon the newly created Courts and each individual judge's new assignment.

**NOW, THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:**

**A. FAMILY COURT:** Domestic (DO) and Support Enforcement (SE) cases.

Assigned Judges: Judge Kevin D. White, Presiding Family Court Judge (40% of DO filings) and Judge Brenda E. Oldham (40% of DO filings); Family Law Commissioner Theresa Ratliff (100% of SE filings).

1. DO cases currently assigned to Judge William J. O'Neil shall be transferred equally to Judges McCarville and Georgini; Judge Georgini shall receive all odd-numbered cases and Judge McCarville shall receive all even-numbered cases;
2. DO cases transferred from or, if reactivated, which would be

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transferred from, Judges Johnson and Figueroa, shall be assigned as follows: White, Oldham, White, Oldham, McCarville, White, Oldham, White, Oldham, Georgini, and repeat;

3. The Presiding Family Court Judge, in consultation with the other Family Court judges, shall distribute "DO" cases previously assigned to Judge Vanderpool in such manner as to achieve a 40/40/10/10 distribution of pending cases among the Family Court Judges;

**B. CRIMINAL COURT:** All criminal (CR) cases, including lower court criminal appeals and extraditions.

Assigned judges: Judge Boyd T. Johnson, Presiding Criminal Judge (25% of CR filings minus Timely Disposition Court cases), Judge Janna L. Vanderpool (50% of CR filings minus Timely Disposition Court cases) and Judge, pro tempore, Bradley M. Soos (25% of CR filings plus Timely Disposition Court cases).

Transfer of Pending cases: All pending cases ending with the digits ".01" through ".25", not already assigned to one of the three criminal judges, shall be assigned to Judge Johnson; all cases ending the digits ".26" through ".75", not already assigned to one of the three criminal judges, shall be transferred to Judge Vanderpool; all cases ending in the digits ".76" through ".00", not already assigned to one of the three criminal judges, shall be transferred to Judge, pro tempore, Bradley M. Soos.

**C. CIVIL COURT:** All civil (CV) cases including lower court civil appeals.

Assigned judges: Judge William J. O'Neil, Presiding Civil Judge (33% of CV filings), Judge Gilberto V. Figueroa (33% of CV filings) and Judge R. Carter Olson (34% of CV filings).

1. All of Judge White's CV cases shall be transferred to Judge Figueroa;
2. All of Judge McCarville's "Non-Classified" CV cases shall be transferred to Judge Olson;
3. All of Judge McCarville's "Classified" CV cases shall be transferred to Judges Figueroa and Olson as directed by the Presiding Civil Judge, in consultation with the other Civil Court judges;
4. All CV cases assigned to other judges which are not retained by the current judge or which are "reactivated" shall be assigned among the three Civil Court Judges in accordance with the case assignment matrix provided in Addendum A to Administrative Order No. 2008-0018.

**D. JUVENILE COURT:** All juvenile delinquency (JV) and juvenile dependency (JD), severance (SV), adoption (AD), guardianship (CG) and probate (PB) cases.

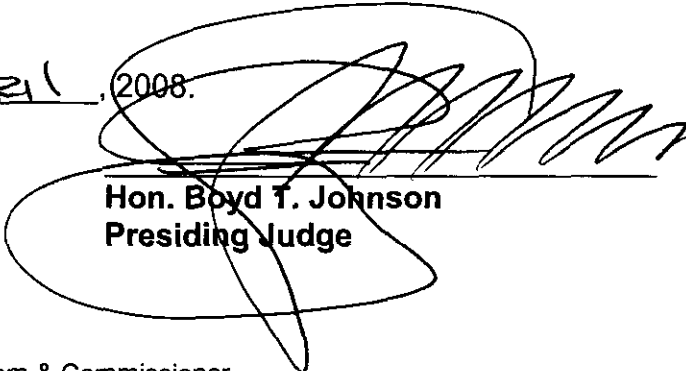
Assigned judges: Judge Stephen F. McCarville, Presiding Juvenile Judge and Judge Joseph R. Georgini.

1. Judge McCarville shall be responsible for and shall be assigned all juvenile delinquency and Incurability (JV) cases; he shall be responsible for the operations of Juvenile Court Services;
2. Judge Georgini shall be responsible for and shall be assigned all juvenile dependency (JD) cases and all severance (SV) cases;
3. Judge Olson shall retain the probate (PB) and guardianship (GC) files currently assigned to him; at an appropriate stage in the proceedings in each such case individually, as determined by Judge Olson, the case shall be transferred to the Juvenile Court; when transferred, the even-numbered cases shall be assigned to Judge McCarville and the odd-numbered cases shall be assigned to Judge Georgini;
4. All other probate (PB) and guardianship (GC) files and all adoption (AD) files shall be transferred to Judges McCarville and Georgini and assigned based on the odd/ even numbering system in paragraph 3., above;

**E. ADDITIONAL ORDERS**

1. That **Addendum A**, attached hereto, designating the Presiding Judge as to each of the reorganized Courts and appointing judges to "special assignments", is incorporated herein and hereby;
2. That the Presiding **Judge in each Court** shall immediately provide to the Clerk of the Court and her staff, the "Law and Motion" and daily calendars which each judge in each court shall establish;
3. That the **Presiding Judge in each Court**, as established by Administrative Order NO. 2008-00 ~~B~~ and herein, shall be responsible for maintaining a record of and ordering the reassignment of cases within that Court upon the peremptory strike or recusal of any judge assigned to that Court; motions for a strike for cause filed as to a judge assigned to any Court shall be referred to the Presiding or Associate Presiding Judge of the Superior Court for further assignment as required by court rule and law;

DATED this 14~~th~~ day of April, 2008.

  
Hon. Boyd T. Johnson  
Presiding Judge

cc: Original filed with the Clerk  
All Superior Court Judges, Judge Pro Tem & Commissioner  
Kristi Youtsey Ruiz, Clerk of the Court  
Chris Vasquez, Pinal County Sheriff  
James P. Walsh, Pinal County Attorney  
Richard Platt, Dep. County Attorney  
Mary Wisdom, Pinal County Public Defender  
Clarence Cramer, Director, Conciliation Services  
Paul O'Connell, Court Administrator  
Stephanie Jordan, Dep. Court Administrator

Todd Zwieg, Adult Probation Officer  
Diane McGinnis, Director, Juvenile Court Services

## ADDENDUM A

### **SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS**, effective April 15, 2008, except as noted:

Presiding Family Judge:	Judge Kevin White
Presiding Civil Judge:	Judge William O'Neil
Presiding Juvenile Judge:	Judge Stephen McCarville (Effective May 1, 2008) Judges Figueroa and O'Neil are requested to assist Judge McCarville in transitioning)
Presiding Criminal Judge	Judge Boyd Johnson
Domestic Violence Court:	Judge William O'Neil
Mental Health Court:	Judge Janna Vanderpool
Juvenile Drug Court:	Judge Stephen McCarville
Adult Drug Ct (upon inception):	Judge Boyd Johnson
Integrated Family Court (IFC):	Judge Stephen McCarville
Election cases:	Judge Gilbert Figueroa
Inmate Suit review:	Judge Boyd Johnson