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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ~~ARIZONA~~ <sup>BY</sup> ~~ADJUTY~~

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PINAL

IN THE MATTER OF POLITICAL )  
ACTIVITY FOR PINAL COUNTY JUDICIAL )  
OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES )

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

No. 2009-00 57

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Article VI, Section 11 of the *Arizona Constitution* and pursuant to Rule 92 of the *Arizona Supreme Court Rules* and Administrative Order 2005-32 of the Arizona Supreme Court, the Presiding Judge is the Chief Judicial Executive Officer of Pinal County.

**WHEREAS** the Presiding Judge exercises administrative supervision over the Superior Court, including the Clerk of the Superior Court, juvenile court as a division of the Superior Court, the justice of the peace courts and the municipal courts of Pinal County including all of their divisions, judges and judicial officers and employees.

**WHEREAS** the legal system of the United States is based on the principle that the judiciary will be independent, fair and competent; and,

**WHEREAS** central to the American concepts of justice are the precepts that all judicial officers will individually and collectively, respect and honor the judicial office as a public trust and strive to enhance and maintain the confidence of the public in our legal system.

**NOW THEREFORE** to better assure the observance of the fair and just processes essential to maintaining the appearance of propriety and to promote more efficient administration in the courts of Pinal County,

**IT IS ORDERED** that no judicial official or employee, including full-time, part-time or volunteer staff, and including but not limited to Judges *pro tempore*, court commissioners, masters, referees, justices of the peace *pro tempore*, municipal judges, and municipal judges *pro tempore*, or any other person in a position with the Judicial Branch in Pinal County may be a candidate for elective office without first resigning their appointment in the Judicial Branch.

Any Judicial Branch official or employee who becomes a candidate for elective office shall resign prior to any public declaration of an intent to seek elective office. Public declaration of an intent to seek elective office is defined as any act, including circulating nomination petitions, filing of campaign papers, or engaging in any fund-raising activities, which may be perceived as a step in the process of declaring or preparing to run for elective office. The Presiding Judge shall conclusively determine when a judicial official or employee has become a candidate for elective office.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Administrative Order shall have no application to Superior Court Judges, Justices of the Peace, or the Clerk of the Court. All judicial officers and employees, however, remain subject to laws, regulations, and such requirements and restrictions as the Supreme Court of Arizona may from time-to-time adopt. See Canon 5, *Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct*.

DATED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2009.



HONORABLE ROBERT CARTER OLSON  
PRESIDING JUDGE

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