

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

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CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
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IN THE MATTER OF)
JUDICIAL BRANCH FUNDS)
_____)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2013-00 17

WHEREAS, the Presiding Judge of Pinal County is the Chief Judicial Executive Officer of the Judicial Branch of government in Pinal County, acting upon a lawful delegation of authority from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Arizona, including but not limited to those powers set forth in Administrative Order No. 2005-32 of the Arizona Supreme Court;

WHEREAS, the Superior Court is a component of State government, not a department of county government, although the Board of Supervisors of Pinal County is expressly obligated to provide reasonable funding to the Superior Court;

WHEREAS, the Judicial Branch of Arizona respects the important roles of the Pinal County Board of Supervisors, including its obligation to raise funds and administer the county budget, and the Judicial Branch remains committed to being a good partner and public steward with its co-equal branches of government;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is facing significant budgetary challenges, such that it has submitted a plan to exercise the authority contained in Section 26, Senate Bill 1526, the Second Regular Session of the Fiftieth Legislature, 2012, which authorizes the County to meet county obligations from any source of county revenue;

WHEREAS, the funds entrusted to the Superior Court are state resources, not county revenue, and therefore not included in this Legislative authorization, except for possibly those funds which are the product of a county ordinance;

WHEREAS, transfer of funds is in the public interest, in the interest of recruiting and retaining high quality public employees, and in the interest of minimizing the burden on Pinal County's taxpayers;

WHEREAS, the Judicial Branch of government, following consultation between the Presiding Judge and the Chief Justice, agrees to voluntarily contribute certain funds as an offset to the operating expenses of the Court, consistent with the past practices of the Judicial Branch during the economic crisis of recent years;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED authorizing the Clerk of the Court, Adult Probation, Juvenile Court Services, and Court Administration to contribute such funds before June 30, 2013, that will not place at risk the ongoing operations of the Superior Court during the next two budget years, while permitting the Court to meet its obligation to fund the expansion of Court Security, in such amounts as agreed between the Board of Supervisors and the judicial official with expenditure authority for each subject fund.

FURTHERMORE, while this contribution of resources is made unconditionally, the Court memorializes that this contribution will hasten the need for future additional general fund resources, since these funds are already heavily committed to offset existing general fund obligations, and a significant portion of these funds was intended to meet future needs of the Superior Court.

DATED this 4TH day of June, 2013



HONORABLE ROBERT CARTER OLSON
PRESIDING JUDGE

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court
CC: Board of Supervisors
Chad A. Roche, Clerk of the Superior Court
Todd Zweig, Probation Director
Stephanie Jordan, Deputy County Administrator