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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 COMMISSIONERS/ )  
JUDGES PRO TEM (JPT). )  
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

No. 2014 00039

**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** the Superior Court is modifying certain caseload management practices in an ongoing effort to enhance the efficiency of the Judicial the Government in Pinal County, and the resource demands placed on the Superior Court have changed since prior Administrative Orders that allocated caseloads, which require modification of the current allocation of resources.

**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 the Administrative Order, effective January 5, 2015.

**FAMILY**

**IT IS ORDERED** that Judge Karl C. Eppich (KCE) shall continue to be assigned to the Family Bench.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Judge Pro Tem Bradley M. Soos (BMS) shall continue to be assigned to the Family Bench and shall be directly supervised by the Presiding Family Law Judge, except that the Presiding Judge shall continue to assign temporary court-calendar coverage duties, as required.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that all new Family Law or Domestic Relations cases (identified by the prefix DO), shall be assigned to the Hon. Karen J. Stillwell (KJS), Hon. Delia R.

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Neal (DRN), and Hon. Karl C. Eppich (KCE) as determined by the two terminal digits of each Domestic Relations file as follows:

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

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that all pending domestic relation cases that have been open for 240 days or less currently assigned to Judge Stephen F. McCarville (SFM) shall be reassigned to Hon. Delia R. Neal (DRN), and all pending cases open for 240 days or less currently assigned to Hon. Steven J. Fuller (SJF) shall be reassigned to Judge Karen J. Stillwell (KJS). These matters should be reassigned as soon as practical, by whatever method deemed most appropriate by the Presiding Family Law Judge, but case transfer shall be completed no later than April 15, 2015, and thereafter on a case-by-case basis by the Presiding Family Law Judge.

**CIVIL**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that all new Civil files (identified by the prefix (CV), regardless of the specific case type, filed on or after **January 5, 2015**, shall be assigned to the Hon. Jason R. Holmberg (JRH), Hon. Daniel A. Washburn (DAW) and the Hon. Stephen F. McCarville (SFM), as determined by the two terminal digits of each new Civil file, as follows:

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

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**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that all pending civil cases that have been open for 1 year or less currently assigned to Judge Karen J. Stillwell (KJS), shall be reassigned to Judge Stephen F. McCarville (SFM); and all pending civil cases that have been open for 1 year or less currently assigned to Judge Henry G. Gooday (HGG) shall be reassigned to Judge Gilberto V. Figueroa (GVF). These matters should be reassigned as soon as practical, by whatever method deemed most appropriate by the Presiding Civil Judge, but case transfer shall be completed no later than April 15, 2015, and thereafter on a case-by-case basis by the Presiding Civil Judge.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** the Clerk of the Court shall set all hearings (including pre-trials) for forcible entry and detainer, change of name, any cases in which Plaintiff is in the custody of the DOC or other correctional facility or jail, any request for default judgment by motion or hearing before the Honorable Gilberto V. Figueroa (GVF). This authority includes Habeas Corpus and civil rights litigation, and civil forfeiture before Judge Gilberto V. Figueroa (GVF) **notwithstanding that such cases are permanently assigned to another judge pursuant to the terminal digits described above.**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Superior Court Judges may delegate the following additional Civil proceedings to Commissioner/JPT Craig A. Raymond (CAR): lower court appeals; garnishment; supplemental proceedings; provisional remedy in replevin; forcible entry and detainer, change of name, civil forfeiture, requests related to service of process; and other matters with the consent of the Presiding Judge. In any such delegations, the assigned Superior Court's staff shall provide support to Judge Raymond, consistent with current practice on this caseload.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Judge Gilberto V. Figueroa (GVF) shall schedule a regular weekly Law & Motion Civil calendar on a set day and time approved by the Presiding Civil Judge.

### **CRIMINAL**

**IT IS ORDERED** that part-time Commissioners/Judges Pro Tem Lawrence M. Wharton (LMW), and Dwight P. Callahan (DPC) are assigned to the Criminal Bench and Supervised by the Presiding Criminal Judge, except that the Presiding Judge shall continue to assign temporary court-calendar coverage duties, as may be required. Commissioner/JPT Wharton (LMW) and Callahan (DPC) shall continue to cover initial appearances, including weekend coverage, consistent with current scheduling practices.

**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. Joseph R. Georgini (JRG), Hon. Kevin D. White (KDW), Hon. Steven J. Fuller (SJF), and Hon. Dwight Callahan (DPC), as periodically determined by separate Order of the Presiding Criminal Judge.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Commissioner/JPT Wharton (LMW), and Commissioner/JPT Callahan (DPC), shall schedule a Law & Motion Criminal calendar as directed by the Presiding Criminal Judge.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Presiding Criminal Judge shall direct the reassignment of the current Criminal caseload of Judge Craig A. Raymond (CAR), Judge Delia R. Neal (DRN), that have been open less than 210 days and are not currently set for trial to

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Judge Steven J. Fuller (SJF) or Judge Dwight P. Callahan (DPC), considering potential conflicts, as well as any cases that the Presiding Criminal Judge determines that Judge Neal (DRN) or Judge Raymond (CAR) 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 April 15, 2014, and thereafter on a case-by-case basis by the Presiding Criminal Judge.

### **JUVENILE DEPENDENCY**

**IT IS ORDERED** that Judge Brenda E. Oldham (BEO) shall preside over all delinquency matters and Judge Brenda E. Oldham (BEO) shall preside over limited dependency matters as directed by the Presiding Juvenile Judge. Judge Henry G. Gooday (HGG) shall preside over all remaining dependency matters, including pre-protective hearings every Monday and Wednesday, as directed by the Presiding Juvenile Judge. The objective, to the fullest extent possible and practical, is for the assigned Dependency Superior Court Judge to focus on all issues including pre-protective placement and permanency and thereby achieving the earliest appropriate adjudication of such matters, which is consistent with the best interests of the child.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any open Dependency and Severance cases that were previously assigned to the Hon. Brenda E. Oldham (BEO) that originated from the Apache Junction office shall be reassigned to the Hon. Henry G. Gooday (HGG).

### **SPECIALTY ASSIGNMENTS**

**IT IS ORDERED** that Commissioner JPT Craig A. Raymond (CAR) shall be assigned cases or directed by the Presiding Judge and Presiding Civil Judge.

The objective, to the fullest extent possible and practical is for Commissioner/JPT Craig A. Raymond (CAR), to be available for coverage on an as needed basis for unexpected changes or conflicts with another divisions calendar (trial conflicts, sick days, family emergencies etc.-).

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Judges Soos (BMS), Raymond (CAR), Neal (DRN), Callahan (DPC), Stillwell (KJS) and Wharton (LMW) shall continue to participate in covering emergency hearings, as per existing practice until further order.

### **DESIGNATION OF PRESIDING JUDGES**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** Kevin D. White is appointed as Associate Presiding Judge of Pinal County, as previously approved by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Arizona.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** Brenda E. Oldham is appointed as Presiding Juvenile Judge of Pinal County, as previously approved by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Arizona.

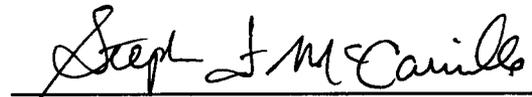
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**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** delegating the authority of the Presiding Judge to the following jurists as presiding judges of their respective benches:

Hon. Joseph R. Georgini, Criminal Presiding Judge  
Hon. Jason R. Holmberg, Civil Presiding Judge  
Hon. Brenda E. Oldham, Juvenile Presiding Judge  
Hon. Karl C. Eppich, Family Presiding Judge

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Presiding Judge for each bench is delegated general authority over their bench, except as modified or limited by Administrative Order or direction by the Presiding Judge, and shall specifically supervise staff judges that are assigned to the bench, coordinate coverage, reassign cases within the bench as required, and provide a monthly assignment report to the Presiding Judge.

**Dated** this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014

  
Honorable Stephen F. McCarville,  
Presiding Judge

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