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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). )

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

No. 2017 - 00041

**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 requires the reassignment of his caseload, and 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 this Administrative Order, effective August 1, 2017.

**FAMILY**

**IT IS ORDERED** that Judge Delia R. Neal (DRN) shall continue to be assigned to the Family Bench, and shall be the Presiding Family Law Judge.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Judge Pro Tem's Richard T. Platt (RTP) and Patrick K. Gard (PKG) shall 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. Delia R. Neal (DRN); Patrick K. Gard; and Richard T. Platt (RTP) as determined by the two terminal digits of each Domestic Relations file as follows:

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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

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that all pending domestic relation cases currently assigned to Judge Karl C. Eppich shall be reassigned to Hon. Richard T. Platt (RTP). 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 August 31, 2017, and thereafter on a case-by-case basis by the Presiding Family Law Judge.

**CIVIL**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** the Superior Court Judges may delegate the following additional Civil proceedings to Commissioner/JPT Lawrence M. Wharton (LMW): all cases in which the Plaintiff is in custody of the ADOC or other correctional facility or jail; [this authority includes Habeas Corpus and civil rights litigation]. Judge Dwight Callahan shall hear all lower court appeals until further notice. All supplemental proceedings; provisional remedy in replevin; change of name, civil forfeiture, requests related to service of process; and other matters shall be heard by the assigned judge or as directed by Judge Joseph Georgini as Presiding Civil Judge. In any such delegations, the assigned Superior Court's staff shall provide support to Judge Wharton and/or Judge Callahan, consistent with current practice on this caseload.

Dated this 3 day of August, 2017

  
Honorable Stephen F. McCarville,  
Presiding Judge

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