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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PINAL

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IN RE:)
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The Matter of Court Security as)
it applies to Judicial Officers)
within Pinal County Court Facilities)
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 2019-00002
(Replacing Administrative Order
No. 2015-0034 and 2015-0067)

WHEREAS, the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Arizona in Pinal County exercises administrative supervision over the Superior Court and Justices of the Peace in Pinal county Municipal and town Courts;

WHEREAS, the Presiding Judge is required to establish court security policies and procedures to provide a safe work environment for judicial employees, litigants and users of the court pursuant to Arizona Supreme Court Administrative Order 2017-15 and Arizona Supreme Court Administrative Order 2017-79; and,

WHEREAS, the below policies seek to ensure compliance with Arizona Supreme Court Administrative Order 2017-15 and Arizona Supreme Court Administrative Order 2017-79 while maintaining a safe environment for all who enter the court facility.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that

1. Any Judicial Officer wishing to carry a firearm within Courthouse facilities must comply with the training requirements of A.R.S. § 13-3112.
2. Judicial Officers carrying firearms into the Superior Courthouse shall either secure their weapons in the lockbox provided at the southside employee entrance of the Courthouse or carry the weapon directly to their Chambers and secure the weapon in the lockbox provided in their chambers. The Judicial Officer and Court Security shall be the only ones who have access to the key for the lock box.

Justices of the Peace shall adopt firearms policies and procedures, to include securing the firearms while the firearm is within the Courthouse and submit those policies and procedures to the Pinal County Presiding Judge for approval or abide by this Administrative Order.

City Magistrates may carry firearms within City/Town Courthouse facilities as approved by the appointing authority, with final approval granted by the Pinal County Presiding Judge.

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3. The Judicial Officer shall immediately notify Court Security if the firearm is lost or misplaced on court premises.
4. The Judicial Officer is responsible to ensure that no other individual accesses or handles the firearm while on court premises.
5. The Judicial Officer shall not unholster, display or discharge the firearm, unless the judicial officer reasonably believes the use of deadly force is immediately necessary to protect himself/herself or a third person against another's use or attempted use of unlawful deadly physical force.
6. If the Judicial Officer unholsters, displays, and/or discharges a firearm on court property, included but not limited to buildings, plazas, and parking lots, the Judicial Officer shall immediately notify the appropriate law enforcement agency for the facility, the Presiding Judge, or the Presiding Justice of the Peace or Magistrate if the Judicial Officer is a Justice of the Peace or Magistrate, and Court Security of the incident and the circumstances of the incident. Court Security shall immediately notify law enforcement if the firearm has in fact been discharged. City Magistrates shall also notify their appointing authority (Mayor, City Council, etc.).
7. The Presiding Judge may revoke, or temporarily suspend authorization to carry a firearm for any of the reasons listed in the Arizona Code of Judicial Administration section 6-1 13, subsections (G)(6)(a) through (f), (j), (k) and (p) through (s).
8. If the rules and policies relating to carrying a firearm are violated, the Presiding Judge or appointing authority may prohibit the Judicial Officer from carrying a firearm while on court premises.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that these policies shall apply to Superior Court Judges, full-time Superior Court Commissioners, Judges Pro Tempore, and Justices of the Peace and Magistrates in Pinal County.

Dated this 3 day of January 2019.



HONORABLE STEPHEN F. McCARVILLE
PRESIDING JUDGE

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