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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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BY _____ DEPUTY
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PINAL

IN RE:)
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The Matter of Court Security as)
It applies to Peace Officers Within)
Pinal County Court Facilities)
_____)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 2019-00003
(Replacing Administrative Order
No. 2015-0035 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;

WHEREAS, A.R.S. § 38-1113 authorizes the Presiding Judge to establish rules and policies relating to peace officers' ability to carry firearms in court buildings;

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 A.R.S. § 38-1113, 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. All persons entering court facilities with security personnel and equipment will be required to clear said security regardless of employment status, purpose, or function within the building.
2. Regarding firearms:

Certified Peace Officers:

- May be armed at any time, at any location within the building, including all locations within a courtroom, when they are on official business. The Court recognizes that Peace Officers in uniform who appear in Court in the normal course of their duties are, by virtue of their duties, also additional security officials within the courthouse. The Peace Officer shall follow the policy of each Judge regarding the handling of weapons in the courtroom.
- May NOT be armed anywhere within the building when they are on personal business.

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- Plain clothed officers who are in official business must wear a clearly visible identification badge, designating them as a Certified Peace Officer.

County Attorney's Office Investigators:

- As long as they are Certified Peace Officers, the same standards as above apply.
- Lock boxes should be provided within the County Attorney's Office for when those Investigators are working within the office and choose to remove their weapons.

Probation and Surveillance Officers:

- As long as they are on duty, probation officers and surveillance officers may be armed anywhere in the building, EXCEPT in courtrooms and EXCEPT in Judges' chambers.
- If the officers are off duty, or if the officers are in the courthouse on personal business, they may NOT be armed anywhere within the courthouse.
- Because these officers are often dressed in street clothes, they must at all times wear their badge prominently next to their weapon.

Dated this 3 day of January 2019.



HONORABLE STEPHEN F. McCARVILLE
PRESIDING JUDGE

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