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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 THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT)
AND APPOINTMENT OF A CHIEF PRETRIAL)
JUDGE)
_____)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

No. 2020 - 000 56

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 Presiding Judge has delegated administrative responsibility and authority over the Criminal Bench of the Superior Court to a Criminal Presiding Judge, including but not limited to administrative responsibility and authority over the judicial officers appointed by the Superior Court, who are assigned to conduct Initial Appearance hearings and related pretrial matters (hereinafter referred to as "Pretrial Judges");

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED to formalize and delegate certain administrative responsibilities and authority over Pretrial Judges to a newly established Chief Pretrial Judge, who shall receive support and assistance from Court Administration, and who shall have the following administrative responsibilities and authority:

1. The Chief Pretrial Judge shall serve as Chair of the *Subcommittee on Pretrial Case Processing*, established by Administrative Order No. 2020-00022.
2. The Chief Pretrial Judge shall be responsible for adopting and periodically amending an *Initial Appearance Manual* of the Superior Court, which shall include procedural requirements for Initial Appearance hearings, as well as such substantive principles that will promote consistency between Pretrial Judges and ensure fidelity to controlling law, court rules, and administrative orders, and further develop, refine and enhance remote hearing capabilities for pretrial services. Substantive amendments to the *Initial Appearance Manual* must be submitted to the Presiding Judge and Criminal Presiding Judge for approval, prior to adoption.

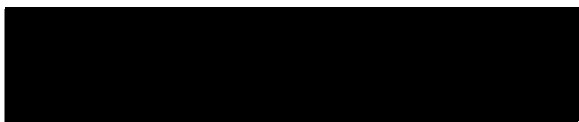
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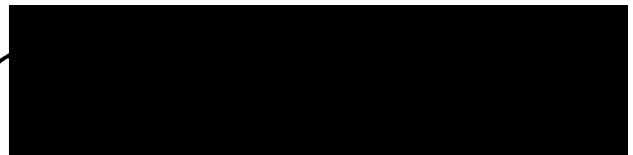
3. The Chief Pretrial Judge shall be responsible for the training of Pretrial Judges, and the Chief Pretrial Judge shall periodically evaluate the performance of Pretrial Judges, as the Chief Pretrial Judge deems appropriate, or when directed by the Presiding Judge or Criminal Presiding Judge.
4. The Chief Pretrial Judge shall periodically make recommendations to the Presiding Judge and Criminal Presiding Judges, concerning the retention, removal, and selection of Pretrial Judges, not less frequently than annually.
5. The Chief Pretrial Judge shall adopt a monthly or quarterly assignment calendar for Pretrial Judges, and the Chief Pretrial Judge shall adjust assignments, as necessary, to fill any vacancies or absences in the assignment calendar, subject to any standing scheduling direction from the Presiding Judge and Criminal Presiding Judge.
6. The Chief Pretrial Judge shall undertake such further responsibilities and exercise such further authority as the Presiding Judge or Criminal Presiding Judge may from time-to-time delegate.
7. When accomplishing these responsibilities, the Chief Pretrial Judge shall be guided by the following principles, which are stated in their order of priority:
 - a. First, the Chief Pretrial Judge shall ensure that the pretrial services of the Superior Court of Arizona in and for Pinal County comply with all controlling law, court rules, and administrative orders, and are faithful to our responsibilities to the accused and responsibilities to victims of crime.
 - b. Secondly, to the maximum extent practicable, the Chief Pretrial Judge shall cooperate with other agencies, maximize safety, and focus on the overall systemic efficiency in the delivery of pretrial services.
 - c. Third, as a steward of public resources, the Chief Pretrial Judge shall evaluate and make decisions and recommendations between competing proposals from the perspective of minimizing the total public expense in the delivery of pretrial services, regardless of whether a more efficient proposal places a greater or lesser burden on the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED appointing the Hon. Delia Neal as Chief Pretrial Judge, in addition to her currently assigned duties, effective October 19, 2020.

Dated this 15th day of October 2020



Honorable Stephen F. McCarville,
Presiding Judge



Honorable Robert Carter Olson,
Criminal Presiding Judge

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