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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: The Establishment of )  
Change of Plea Calendar for )  
Pinal County Superior Court )  
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

No. 2010-00058

**Whereas** the Presiding Judge has administrative authority over the Judicial Branch of government in Pinal County, including judicial assignments within the Superior Court;

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that all changes of plea in the Superior Court shall be regularly scheduled on a standing Change of Plea Calendar before a judge designated from time-to-time by the Criminal Presiding Judge,<sup>1</sup> except as otherwise provided in this Administrative Order. The Change of Plea Calendar shall be set coincidentally with the daily Superior Court Initial Appearance Calendar at 8:30 a.m.

The Judge who presides over the Change of Plea Calendar may accept or defer, but not reject a plea on behalf of another judge.

If the Judge scheduled to preside over the Change of Plea Calendar was previously noticed, pursuant to Rule 10.2 *Ariz.R.Crim.P.*, the change of plea shall be scheduled before the assigned trial judge unless the litigants stipulate that the change of plea may be heard by the previously noticed judge.

Litigants may jointly schedule a matter for the Change of Plea Calendar by directly contacting the judicial assistant for the judge who shall take the plea. The change of plea will be scheduled on the jointly requested date, if practicable, but shall be set no more than five (5) judicial days later. The requested date must allow adequate time for victim notification by the prosecutor, if required; and once the date is obtained, a *Notice of Hearing* shall be filed by the requesting attorney(s).

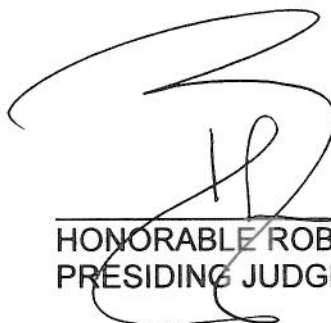
This Administrative Order shall not preclude the assigned trial judge from hearing a change of plea, either upon request of counsel or by *sua sponte* order, nor are specialty courts prohibited from hearing a change of plea, if otherwise within their mandate.

<sup>1</sup> The Criminal Presiding Judge has initially assigned the Hon. Bradley Soos, Superior Court Judge *Pro Tempore*, to regularly preside over the daily Change of Plea Calendar, subject to coverage by other judges, as needed, until further order.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Administrative Order shall be reduced to a proposed form of local rule by the Criminal Bench of the Superior Court, which shall be thereafter submitted for possible adoption by a majority vote of the Pinal County Superior Court Bench.

This Administrative Order is effective immediately, but any currently scheduled change of plea shall be heard by the trial judge.

DATED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010.



HONORABLE ROBERT CARTER OLSON  
PRESIDING JUDGE

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