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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA**  
**IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PINAL**

**In Re: The Establishment of** )  
**Procedures for Imposing Fees to Offset** )  
**the Cost of Legal Defense Services** )  
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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**  
**NO. 2014-0023**

**WHEREAS** the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Arizona in Pinal County exercises administrative supervision over the Superior Court, and Clerk of the Superior Court;

**WHEREAS** the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Arizona in Pinal County may designate certain other Superior Court Judges to Preside over certain court dockets:

**WHEREAS** the Honorable Joseph R. Georgini has been appointed as Presiding Criminal Court Judge;

**WHEREAS** it is in the best interest of the public for the Court to exercise fiscal responsibility and discretion where appropriate to contain the costs of litigation;

**WHEREAS** there may be therapeutic or rehabilitative benefit for a defendant to take a measure of financial responsibility for the cost of his or her defense; and

Good cause appearing,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 12-341.01, and Rule 6.7 of the Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure, the following procedures shall guide the imposition of fees to offset the cost of legal defense services in Pinal County Superior Court:

1. Fees shall be ordered based on the Court's colloquy to determine the defendant's indigency and ability to make a regular payment toward the fee in addition to any other required court-ordered financial obligations. Prior to ordering the fee, the Court must make a finding of indigency on the record.
3. The presumptive fee amounts will be: \$250.00 for cases proceeding through Early Disposition Court; \$400.00 for cases proceeding through traditional court. Attorneys may submit argument for different amounts, and Judges may order different amounts at their discretion, based on the defendant's ability to pay without incurring substantial hardship to himself or herself or to his or her family.
3. When paid, fees shall be applied to the "Public Defender's Fund" by the Clerk of Superior Court.

DATED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014

  
Joseph R. Georgini, Presiding Criminal Judge

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