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

In Re: The Matter of Court Security as )  
It applies to Judicial Officers ) **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**  
Within Pinal County Court Facilities )  
\_\_\_\_\_ ) **NO. 2015-00034**

**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 Legislature passed and the Governor signed Senate Bill 1266, which authorizes an elected or appointed judicial officer to carry a deadly weapon in the court facility in which the judicial officer works, subject to rules and policies adopted by the Presiding Judge;

**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 2005-32; and

**WHEREAS**, the below policies seek to ensure compliance with Senate Bill 1266 while maintaining a safe environment for all who enter a 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 ARS 13-331.
2. Judicial Officers carrying firearms into the Superior Courthouse shall either secure their weapons in the lockbox provided at the back door 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 security shall be the only ones who have access to the key for the lock box

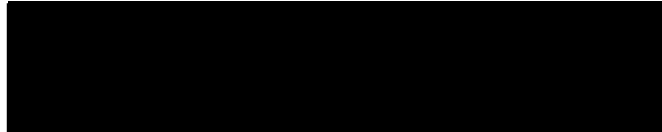
Justices of the Peace shall adopt firearms policies and procedures, to include securing the firearms while the firearm is within the Courthouse, and submit those policies and procedures to the Pinal County Presiding Judge for approval, or abide by this Administrative Order.

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

3. The judicial officer shall immediately notify 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, including 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, and Court Security of the incident and the circumstances of the incident. Court Security shall immediately notify law enforcement if the firearm is in fact 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 Arizona Code of Judicial Administration section 6-113, 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 Tem, and Justices of the Peace and Magistrates in Pinal County.

DATED this 23 day of JUNE, 2015.



**HONORABLE STEPHEN F. MCCARVILLE**  
Presiding Judge

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