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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PINAL

Amendment to Policies and Procedures )  
for Court-Appointed Counsel and Providers )  
of Related Services )  
(AO 2016-0007, 2017-00047 and 2017-0056) )  
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

No. 2020 - 00044

**Whereas**, the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Arizona in and for Pinal County has general administrative authority over the Judicial Branch in Pinal County pursuant to Article VI of the Arizona Constitution and Arizona Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2017-79; and

**Whereas**, the Judicial Branch has statutory authority, pursuant to A.R.S. §13-4013, and inherent authority to select and set reasonable compensation for court-appointed attorneys and court-appointed providers of related services *except* when the Board of Supervisors acts on its authority that is expressly provided or necessarily implied by statute; and

**Whereas**, on November 20, 2019 the Pinal County Board of Supervisors acted on their authority and created the Office of Public Defense Services designed to manage indigent defense services and related costs in Pinal County; and

**Whereas**, the Presiding Judge has previously adopted Administrative Orders 2016-0007, 2017-00047 and 2017-0056 to establish and modify policies and procedures for Court-Appointed Counsel and Providers of Related Services; and

**Whereas**, the Presiding Judge has determined it is necessary to modify and amend Administrative Orders 2016-0007, 2017-00047 and 2017-0056;

**It is hereby ordered**, as *mutually agreed between the Court and the County*:

1. **Budgetary Authority.** As previously agreed, Indigent Defense cost centers: 2600203, 2600204, 2600205 and 2600206 for court-appointed counsel and providers of related services shall transfer to the Office of Public Defense Services on July 1, 2020.
2. **Position Transfers.** Effective July 1, 2020, Administrative Specialist Senior, position 5028, grade 9, will transfer to the Office of Public Defense Services and Pinal County Human Resources will transfer a position, at the same grade, or higher, at a time agreeable between the Court and County, but in no case later than August 31, 2020.

Administrative Order  
Indigent Defense Transition

3. **Procedures.** All Administrative Orders regarding the Policies and Procedures for Court-Appointed Counsel and Providers of Related Services shall remain in full force and effect until the Office of Public Defense Services enacts new standards and advises court-appointed attorneys and related service providers.
4. **Invoice Submission.** The Court Appointment Reporting System (C.A.R.S.) will remain in use until the Office of Public Defense Services develops a suitable successor. There will be no change in process for the submission of invoices, however, they will be reviewed, approved and processed by the Office of Public Defense Services.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.



Honorable Stephen F. McCarville  
Presiding Judge

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