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

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ELECTRONIC FILING DURING )  
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY )  
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
2020 - 00048  
(Amending AO 2020-00032)

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Arizona declared a statewide emergency due to concerns for the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, to protect the health and safety of all participants by limiting in-person contact as much as possible, the Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court entered Administrative Order No. 2020-60 that provides any court rule that impedes a judge's or court clerk's ability to use available technologies to eliminate or limit in-person contact in the conduct of court business is suspended through May 1, 2020, except such suspension is subject to constitutional requirements.

IT IS ORDERED that in an existing Superior Court case which is currently not subject to mandatory e-filing, any document not requiring a clerk's signature and/or seal at the time of filing may be filed by email as an attachment in PDF format. Any form of order submitted with the email filing in Criminal, Juvenile, Domestic Relations, Guardianship/Conservatorship and Probate matters shall be in Word format. Any form of order submitted in Adoption, Severance, Juvenile Dependency or Mental Health matters may be in Word or PDF format.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED if multiple pleadings or documents are included in one attachment the Clerk of the Court shall accept and separate the pleading or document to be filed separately. If an Order or Proposed Order are attached to the document or pleading, the Clerk of Court shall separate the pleadings, Order or Proposed Order from the document or pleading to be filed and processed separately. The document shall be deemed as filed when the email is received by the Clerk of the Superior Court.

The document(s) shall be emailed to the following address:

[pinalfilings@courts.az.gov](mailto:pinalfilings@courts.az.gov)

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Superior Court shall file the emailed document together with a copy of the email to which the document(s) was attached. The document shall be deemed an original document when filed by the Clerk of the Superior Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Superior Court shall email a conformed copy to the party who initially emailed the document(s). The party initially emailing the document(s), not the Clerk, shall be responsible for service.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.



Honorable Stephen F. McCarville  
Superior Court Presiding Judge