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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 THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING SIZE)
OF CIVIL JURY TRIALS CAPACITY IN THE)
SUPERIOR COURT)

No. 2021 - 000 31

WHEREAS, the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Arizona in and for Pinal County is the chief judicial officer of the county and has administrative authority over all courts in Pinal County, pursuant to Article VI of the Arizona Constitution and Arizona Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2017-79; and,

WHEREAS, the Covid-19 Pandemic resulted in the temporary suspension of all jury trials, and the continuing impact of social distancing and other necessary safety precautions reduce the availability of prospective jurors and reduce the physical capacity of the Superior Court Courthouse to accommodate simultaneous jury trials; and,

WHEREAS, Arizona Revised Statute §21-102 was recently amended to allow the Presiding Judge to limit the number of jurors in civil jury trials to six persons;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED pursuant to A.R.S. §21-102, until January 1, 2023, or until otherwise ordered, the number of jurors in civil jury trials, shall be six persons and the concurrence of all but one shall be necessary to render a verdict.

Dated this 15th day of April 2021



Honorable Stephen F. McCarville,
Presiding Judge

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