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

**IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING)
RULE 12 OF THE JUDICIAL)
MERIT RULES)
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

No. 2022-00003

WHEREAS, the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Arizona in and for Pinal County is the Chief Judicial Executive Officer of the County and has administrative supervision over all courts in Pinal County pursuant to Article VI, Section 11 of the Arizona Constitution and Arizona Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2017-79; and

Pursuant to Arizona Supreme Court Administrative Order No 2017-79, Section C(3), "Presiding judges may develop and implement judicial branch personnel systems for the courts in their counties." Additionally, pursuant to Pinal County Judicial Merit Rule 1.3(A), " The Superior Court reserves the right to change, rescind, or add to any personnel rule or policy with or without prior notice."

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2021, the Pinal County Board of Supervisors amended the personnel structure in the Clerk of the Court's Office and approved the request that designated positions in the Clerk's Office be considered for non-competitive promotions; and

WHEREAS, this is a positive step to address recruitment and retention issues in the Clerk of the Courts office and there is a need to update Rule 12 of the Judicial Merit Rules which were adopted by Pinal County Administrative Order No. 2017-00039 on July 28, 2017; to allow for the personnel structure as approved by the Board of Supervisors.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Rule 12 (12.1A) of the Judicial Merit Rules be amended to allow for non-competitive promotions under certain conditions.

DATED this 11 day of January, 2022.



Honorable Joseph R. Georgini
Presiding Judge

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