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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ~~ARIZONA~~ <sup>BY</sup> ~~MG~~  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PINAL <sub>DEPUTY</sub>

RESUMPTION OF NORMAL OPERATIONS ) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
(RESCINDING A.O. NO. 2021-00047: )  
PHYSICAL ACCESS TO COURT FACILITIES )  
DUE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY )  
AND TRANSITION TO RESUMPTION )  
OF OPERATIONS ) No. 2022 - 00027

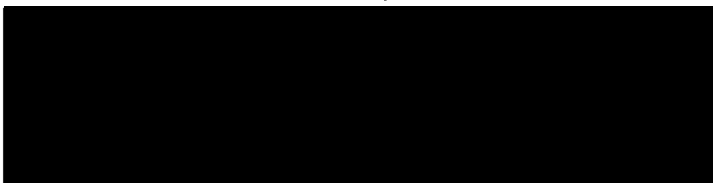
Due to concern for the spread of COVID-19 in the general population, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Arizona issued numerous Administrative Orders over the last 24 months to address measures to be taken by the Judicial Branch to conduct business in a manner that reduces the risk associated with the public health emergency. The Orders directed the presiding superior court judge of each county to determine how in-person proceedings were to be conducted in each of the county's courtrooms under conditions that protect the health and safety of participants and the public.

The Supreme Court has now issued Administrative Order No. 2022-34 which orders that all Arizona courts, probation departments and juvenile detention centers shall resume normal operations. Furthermore, the administrative order has several other provisions regarding the calculation of time and provisions for addressing the backlog that has resulted from the pandemic.

Over the course of the public health emergency, the Judicial Branch in Pinal County has issued several Administrative Orders to adjust court operations to match the risk posed by COVID-19 within Pinal County at any given time. Based on direction from the Arizona Supreme Court, health metrics and guidance from the CDC, it is appropriate to resume normal operations with a few notable exceptions.

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED** that all courts in Pinal County resume normal operations. Moving forward, it is strongly encouraged to capitalize on the technological and resource innovations adopted during the pandemic. Teleconferencing or video conferencing will continue to be utilized when appropriate and in compliance with statute and court rules.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022



Honorable Joseph R. Georgini,  
Presiding Judge

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