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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. 2022-00035

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, from time to time employees are called upon to perform special duties outside the scope of their regular employment and should be compensated for their work and no established mechanism exists that satisfies this need.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Rule 12 of the Judicial Merit Rules be amended and that 12.1 (C) be added that states:

"Temporary Special Assignment Pay. With their agreement, and approval of the Presiding Judge, employees may be assigned to assignments that involve work outside their regular job duties and responsibilities. Selection for a temporary special assignment may involve a competitive process but is not appealable under these rules. Employees on special assignment lose no rights or entitlements held in their regular positions. Employees on special assignment shall receive a 5% (above their current base pay) special assignment pay that is immediately discontinued when the employee returns to their regular position. Non-exempt employees working a temporary special assignment will continue to be overtime eligible while in this assignment. Exempt employees shall maintain their status. Employees will also maintain their classified/unclassified service status and employee group designation."

DATED this 16 day of June 2022.



Honorable Joseph R. Georgini,
Presiding Judge

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph R. Georgini", written over the typed name and extending into the redacted area.

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