

CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT
PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA
2022 - 00052
BY _____ MG

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT)
AND USE OF THE PROBATE FUND)
(MODIFYING AND REPLACING A.O. -)
2022-00023)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

No. 2022 - 00052

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.

The Court has determined that the creation of a Probate Fund, pursuant to A.R.S. § 14-5433, will help provide the funds needed to enable it to preserve, audit and safeguard the estate of wards for whom the Court has a fiduciary responsibility, and that fees assessed for services as outlined in A.R.S. § 14-5314 and § 14-5414 is therefore reasonable and justified. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that a Probate Fund is hereby established pursuant to the authority granted the presiding judge by A.R.S. § 14-5433, consisting of monies received pursuant to A.R.S. § 14-5314 and § 14-5414.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that effective October 1, 2022, in all cases that include a Conservatorship, a Probate Accounting Fee of \$150.00 shall be paid at the time of the issuance of Letters of Appointment of the Conservator.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to A.R.S. § 14-5414(E), if the Court pays for any of these services, the estate may be charged for reasonable compensation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court may waive the probate fund fee due to financial hardship or other good cause.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that due to administrative issues, Probate Accounting Fees were never collected and that any fees that should have been imposed between March 14, 2022 and September 30, 2022 be waived at this time.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court shall collect any fees or fines imposed for this fund and shall transmit all monies collected for the Probate Fund to the Pinal County Treasurer for deposit in the Probate Fund.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Pinal County Treasurer invest and divest monies in the Probate Fund, and monies earned from the investment shall be credited to the fund.

Additionally, the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, in consultation with the Presiding Probate Judge of this Court, shall administer and/or spend monies in the fund for the purpose of preserving, auditing and safeguarding the estates and wards for whom this Court has a fiduciary responsibility.

Dated this 9th day of September, 2022



Honorable Joseph R. Georgini,
Presiding Judge

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

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

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Rebecca Padilla, Clerk of the Court
Todd D. Zweig, Court Administration