

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA**

IN THE MATTER OF ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICE OF THE COURT AND NCSC
ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS CONTAINED
IN CLOSED CASES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2017-086

WHEREAS, Supreme Court Rule 123(d) provides that certain case records are closed and confidential and not accessible to the public; and

WHEREAS, Supreme Court Rule 123(c)(6) allows the Court to issue orders granting access to records to other government agencies and private organizations serving a public purpose, "as required to serve that purpose"; and

WHEREAS, the National Center for State Courts ("NCSC") is working with the Administrative Office of the Courts ("AOC") on a research project into the use of auto-redaction software to redact confidential information from Court documents and plans to conduct a "Proof of Concept" demonstration into the feasibility and effectiveness of such software; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk of Court for the Superior Court in Maricopa County has agreed to provide 200 court documents, selected by the Clerk of Court's staff, including documents from closed case files, for the purpose of the demonstration and testing of software; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk of Court is entering into a confidentiality agreement and a non-disclosure agreement with all parties participating in the Proof of Concept;

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED granting access to court documents selected by the Clerk of Court to the Administrative Office of the Courts and the National Center for State Courts for the purpose of a Proof of Concept demonstration of auto-redaction software.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that access to the documents will end upon the completion of the Proof of Concept, the documents cannot be used for any purpose other than completion of the Proof of Concept, and there will be no further dissemination of any documents beyond the use in the Proof of Concept itself.

Dated this 30th day of August, 2017.

/s/ Janet E. Barton

Honorable Janet E. Barton
Presiding Judge

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

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