

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT)
OF INDIGENT DEFENSE TO)
REPRESENT DEFENDANTS SUMMONED)
TO REGIONAL COURT CENTER)
AND EARLY DISPOSITION COURT)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2019-009

WHEREAS, Rule 6.5(b) of the Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure requires the court to appoint counsel to represent persons entitled to appointed counsel whenever an indigent defense agency is authorized by law to undertake the representation and is able to do so; and

WHEREAS, Regional Court Center (RCC) and Early Disposition Court (EDC) were created to streamline initial felony case processing; and

WHEREAS, indigent defense counsel are present in the RCC and EDC courtrooms and standing by to represent summoned defendants who are unrepresented and entitled to indigent defense;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that counsel shall be provisionally appointed pursuant to this Administrative Order through the Office of Public Defense Services or their designated indigent defense agency, to represent defendants prior to the defendants' initial appearance, under the following circumstances:

- 1) The defendant appears at court, pursuant to a summons, for their scheduled Initial Appearance at the Regional Court Center Downtown, Early Disposition Court Downtown, Regional Court Center South East, or Early Disposition Court South East; and
- 2) The defendant is unrepresented; and
- 3) The defendant completes a financial questionnaire and provides that questionnaire to the court at the time of "check in"; and
- 4) The court makes a timely, formal determination of the defendant's indigence at the earliest opportunity and relieves appointed counsel from representation of defendants who are financially able to retain private counsel.

Dated this 11th day of January, 2019.

/s/ Janet E. Barton
Janet E. Barton
Presiding Judge

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

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