

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

IN THE MATTER OF CAMERA USE IN)
COURT BUILDINGS)
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2019-027

WHEREAS, Rule 122 and Rule 122.1(c)(1) of the Arizona Rules of the Supreme Court prohibit electronic and photographic coverage of public judicial proceedings in a courtroom absent approval of the judge of a particular proceeding; and

WHEREAS, Rule 122.1(c)(2) of the Arizona Rules of the Supreme Court prohibits the taking of a photograph or recording of an individual in areas of a courthouse other than courtrooms without the individual's consent; and

WHEREAS, Rule 122.1(c)(3) allows a court, by local administrative order, to adopt further reasonable limits on photography and audio or video recording in a courthouse; and

WHEREAS, Rule 122.1(f) provides authority to judges, Clerks of the Court, or court administrators to limit or terminate the use of recording devices that is disruptive to court operations or that compromises courthouse security; and

WHEREAS, Supreme Court Administrative Order 2017-079 authorizes the presiding judge to establish court security policies and procedures to provide a safe work environment for judicial employees, litigants and users of the court; and

WHEREAS, the practical enforcement of these rules in light of the high volume of traffic of people in court buildings necessitates that individuals obtain prior approval in order to photograph or film in court facilities.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that in addition to the requirements of Rule 122 regarding electronic photography or recording inside a courtroom, all use of cameras of any type to photograph or take a video or audio recording of the inside areas of a court facility is prohibited without prior approval of the Presiding Judge. Any individual who has taken photographs or video of the inside of a court facility (regardless of whether the individual is inside the building or recording through doors or windows) without first obtaining prior approval may be required to delete the photographs or video, may be removed from the building, and may be subject to further sanctions by the court.

Dated this 8th day of March, 2019.

/s/ Janet E. Barton

Janet E. Barton
Presiding Judge

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

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Hon. Jeffrey Fine, Clerk of the Court
Raymond L. Billotte, Judicial Branch Administrator
Barbara Broderick, Chief Adult Probation Officer
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