

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

IN THE MATTER OF HEARING)	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
EMERGENCY MATTERS AT)	NO. 2019-148
REGIONAL JUDICIAL DISTRICTS)	(Replaces No. 2010-080)
_____)	

WHEREAS, Local Rule 10.2, Assignment of Cases to Regional Judicial Districts establishes a procedure for the initiation and transfer of Maricopa County cases within the various Judicial Districts, and

WHEREAS, cases are assigned to a judicial district based on the address zip code set forth on the initial filing of the petitioning or plaintiff party, or if that party is represented by counsel, then based on the address zip code set forth on the initial filing by the attorney for the petitioner or plaintiff, and

WHEREAS, Local Rule 10.4(d) allows for the assignment of a case initially filed at one Regional Judicial District to another Judicial District in accordance with criteria set forth in Local Rule 10.2(a), and

WHEREAS, the court is aware that some cases initially filed at a Regional Judicial District for the convenience of the filing party but later assigned to another Judicial District may include an emergency request for relief such as an Order of Protection, Injunction Against Harassment, or a petition for emergency custody of a minor child.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That regardless of whether a Superior Court case is initially filed at the proper Judicial District in accordance with the criteria found in Local Rule 10, the following emergency matters shall be heard at a Judicial District where they are first presented:
 - a. Emergency requests for an Order of Protection or Injunction Against Harassment without notice.
 - b. Motions for temporary orders without notice pursuant to Rule 48, *Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure* that are filed on the day a case is filed and receives a case number.
 - c. Motions for Temporary Restraining Orders without notice filed pursuant to Rule 65(b), *Arizona Rules of Civil Procedures*, if filed on the day a case is filed and receives a case number.

Court administration shall direct all such requests for an Order of Protection or Injunction Against Harassment to be heard by the appropriate commissioner, or judge if no commissioner is available, and shall direct such other emergency requests to an appropriate judge, or commissioner if no judge is available.

2. The party filing all other emergency requests, including motions for temporary orders without notice in post-decree family court matters, shall be directed to the judicial division assigned to the case, and the requesting party shall be provided information as to the name and location of the assigned judge. For any such emergency request filed before 3:00 p.m. at a Regional District location other than the location to which the case has been assigned, the requesting party shall be directed to appear and file for the relief at the assigned Regional District location before the assigned judge. For any such emergency request filed between the hours of 3:00 and 5:00 pm at a Regional District location other than the location to which the case has been assigned, the matter shall be addressed at the location at which the relief has been sought. Court Administration shall contact the Family Department divisions at that Regional District location to find an available division to consider and address the alleged emergency circumstances.
3. The judicial officer hearing an emergency matter described in paragraph 1 above will make every effort to contact the appropriate receiving division to secure a next hearing date and inform the party of that date, time and location for future hearings.
4. All future matters in the case will be heard by the assigned judicial officer at the appropriate Regional Judicial District.
5. Administrative Order No. 2010-088 is hereby vacated and replaced with this Administrative Order effective upon signing.

DATED this 13th day of November, 2019.

/s/ Joseph C. Welty

Joseph C. Welty
Presiding Judge

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

Copies: Hon. Bruce R. Cohen, Family Department Presiding Judge
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Raymond Billotte, Judicial Branch Administrator
Shawn Friend, Deputy Court Administrator
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