

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

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
EMERGENCY CASES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
No. 2020-034

On March 11, 2020, Governor Ducey declared a public health emergency in Arizona in response to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus. Such an emergency declaration allows state and local public health agencies to take certain actions to prevent and control communicable and infectious diseases, including directing people or groups into isolation and quarantine. Judicial review of such orders as well as due process for persons affected by these orders are required by A.R.S. §36-789. Furthermore, A.R.S. §36-665 provides a process in which persons or organizations may apply to the Court for orders for disclosure of communicable disease related information. The Court must be prepared to respond effectively and expeditiously to these orders and requests.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that cases filed pursuant to A.R.S. §36-789 and A.R.S. §36-665 will be designated as probate case types with a subcategory designation of “public health emergency cases” and will be processed by the Probate and Mental Health Department;

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that in any court proceeding in a public health emergency case, a judicial officer may, at their discretion, require the appearance of parties by audio, video, authorized representative, counsel, or other means that allows all parties to fully participate.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020

/s/ Joseph C. Welty  
Hon. Joseph C. Welty  
Presiding Judge

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

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