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

LIMITING PEOPLE PRESENT AT A
COURT PROCEEDING DURING A
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 2020-039

Due to concern for the spread of COVID-19 in the general population, the Governor of the State of Arizona has declared a statewide public health emergency. Accordingly, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Arizona has issued Administrative Order No. 2020-48 addressing measures to be taken by the Judicial Branch to conduct business in a manner that reduces the risk associated with this public health emergency. The Administrative Order directs the presiding superior court judge of each county to determine how in-person proceedings are to be conducted in each of the county's court rooms under conditions that protect the health and safety of participants and the public. This includes limiting in-person courtroom contact, following the social distancing recommendations of the Center for Disease Control, and limiting the number of persons present in a courtroom.

Therefore, pursuant to Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2020-48 and Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2017-79,

IT IS ORDERED that for the duration of the public health emergency, all judicial officers in Maricopa County Superior Courts are authorized to exclude any person from a courtroom except litigants, witnesses, victims, court-personnel, sheriff's deputies and detention officers, and the lawyers who are participating in a hearing.

IT IF FURTHER ORDERED that any person intending to be present at a court proceeding who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, has exposure to COVID-19, or has symptoms of COVID-19 as defined by the U.S. Center for Disease Control must contact via telephone or email the assigned trial division to arrange to appear telephonically, have their appearance waived, or have the proceeding reset.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that requests by media to appear at a proceeding by telephonic appearance may contact the Court's Public Information Officers via email at courtpio@JBAZMC.maricopa.gov in order to coordinate such an appearance.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that requests by other persons who are not participating in a hearing but wish to appear telephonically contact the assigned trial division.

Any person may request recordings of proceedings in Superior Court by contacting the Court's Electronic Recordings Administrator via e-mail at ERS@superiorcourt.maricopa.gov or by calling 602-506-7100.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2020

/s/ Joseph C. Welty

Hon. Joseph C. Welty Presiding Judge

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