

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE TEMPORARY)
SUSPENSION OF STATE AND COUNTY)
GRAND JURIES)
_____)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 2020-045

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. Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2020-48 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. In response, the Superior Court has issued Administrative Order No. 2020-043 limiting physical access to court facilities from March 25, 2020 to April 8, 2020.

IT IS THEREFORE FURTHER ORDERED that the current sitting state grand jury and all current sitting county grand juries are suspended between the dates of March 25, 2020 and April 8, 2020.

Dated this 23rd day of March, 2020

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

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

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