

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF  
A COURT COMMISSIONER

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
NO. 2023-167

Pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Arizona, Art. 6, Sec. 24, A.R.S. §12-213, as amended, and Rule 96 of the Rules of the Arizona Supreme Court (RASC),

**IT IS ORDERED** that William M. Cawthon is hereby appointed as a Court Commissioner of the Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County, effective November 27, 2023, on a full-time basis, with the working title of "Commissioner." William M. Cawthon shall serve one uninterrupted term of service, until retirement, resignation, or termination.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that William M. Cawthon shall have all such powers and duties pursuant to law which shall include, but not be limited to, those powers and duties prescribed by A.R.S. §12-213, as amended, and Rule 96, RASC, as amended.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that William M. Cawthon is assigned to hear any matter within the purview of this appointment pursuant to law.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that William M. Cawthon shall receive compensation at an annual salary of ninety percent of the salary of a judge of the Superior Court, which currently calculates to \$148,230.00, pro-rated for the balance of calendar year 2023. This appointment is conditioned upon the agreement to serve only for the compensation received as a Court Commissioner while employed as a Commissioner by the Court, and to receive no additional compensation or benefit, fiscal or otherwise, when acting in the capacity of a Judge Pro Tempore.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

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

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

Copies: Hon. Pamela Gates, Associate Presiding Judge  
Hon. William M. Cawthon, Commissioner  
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