

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF  
PROBATE REGISTRARS, DEPUTY  
REGISTRARS, AND SPECIAL  
COMMISSIONERS FOR PROBATE  
MATTERS

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
NO. 2024-097

**WHEREAS**, good cause exists for the appointment of Probate Registrars, Deputy Registrars, and Special Commissioners pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 12-213 and 14-1307 and Rule 96(a)(5), Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona (“Supreme Court Rule”),

**IT IS ORDERED** the Clerk of the Superior Court shall create and maintain lists of employee names of individuals authorized to serve as Probate Registrar and Deputy Registrars as described in this Administrative Order (“Clerk’s Lists”). The Presiding Judge may approve the individuals named on the Clerk’s Lists quarterly.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 14-1307,

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** designating each Judge and Commissioner assigned to the Probate and Mental Health Department and the individuals named on the Clerk’s List as Probate Registrars and Deputy Registrars. Such individuals shall have the authority to perform all acts that A.R.S. Title 14 specifies as being performable by the Registrar.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-213 and Supreme Court Rule 96(a)(5),

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** appointing the individuals named on the Clerk’s Lists as Special Commissioners for the limited purpose of signing and entering Form 1, Order to Personal Representative (see Ariz. R. Prob. P. 37(b)), with respect to any informal appointment of a personal representative made pursuant to Article 3, Chapter 3, Title 14, A.R.S.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** appointing the individuals named on the Clerk’s List and the individuals listed on Exhibit A as Special Commissioners for the Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County for the limited purpose of signing and entering orders that appoint an attorney, an investigator, and/or a medical professional pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 14-5303(C) and -5407(B).

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** the Probate Registrars, the Deputy Probate Registrars, and the Special Commissioners shall receive no additional compensation or benefits for performing their duties under this Administrative Order other than the compensation and benefits received as a result of their status of employees of the Clerk of the Superior Court or of the Superior Court.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** terminating Administrative Order No. 2022-106.

DATED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

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

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

Copies: Hon. Dean Fink, Probate Presiding Judge  
Hon. Jeff Fine, Clerk of the Superior Court  
All Probate Judges and Commissioners  
Raymond L. Billotte, Judicial Branch Administrator  
Shawn Friend, Deputy Court Administrator  
Brian Bledsoe, Probate/Mental Health Administrator  
Paje Fair, Probate/Mental Health Deputy Administrator  
Laine Wingfield, Probate/Mental Health Deputy Administrator

## EXHIBIT A

### PERSONS NAMED AS SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS UNDER THIS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

**Name**

Paje Fair  
Laine Wingfield  
Brian Bledsoe

**Title**

Probate/Mental Health Deputy Administrator  
Probate/Mental Health Deputy Administrator  
Probate/Mental Health Administrator