

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

IN THE MATTER OF NANCY
RODRIGUEZ SERVING AS ACTING
CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 2026-031

The Clerk of the Superior Court in Maricopa County, Joseph W. Malka, will step down from his office effective March 29, 2026.

The Governor of the State of Arizona has not yet appointed a replacement Clerk of Court for Maricopa County. Arizona Revised Statutes § 38-462 provides that the deputy for a state officer “possesses the powers and may perform the duties prescribed by law for the office of the principal.” Supreme Court Administrative Order 2017-79 provides that the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in each county shall exercise administrative supervision over the Clerk of the Superior Court and shall prescribe the powers and duties of the clerk of the court, in addition to those prescribed by law and the Supreme Court.

Because of the importance of the continuation of the business of the Clerk of the Superior Court in Maricopa County,

IT IS ORDERED that Nancy Rodriguez, current Chief Deputy for the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, will serve as Acting Clerk of Court with all of the duties, powers and responsibilities of the Clerk of the Superior Court in Maricopa County until such time as the Governor of the State of Arizona’s appointee as replacement Clerk of Court assumes the Office.

Dated this 26th day of March, 2026.



Hon. Danielle J. Viola
Acting Presiding Judge

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

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David K. Byers, Administrative Office of the Courts
Hon. Pamela Gates, Presiding Judge
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