

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

IN THE MATTER OF ACCESS TO
CLOSED OR CONFIDENTIAL JUVENILE
COURT RECORDS AND INFORMATION

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 2026-037

WHEREAS, the records of dependency proceedings are confidential and must be withheld from public inspection unless authorized by law or court order;

WHEREAS, Rule 313 of the Arizona Rules of Procedure for the Juvenile Court permits access to such records by court order for individuals not otherwise authorized to inspect them; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Pamela Dunne formerly served as a judicial officer of the Superior Court in Maricopa County and presided over dependency matters during her tenure; and

WHEREAS, Judge Dunne is now employed by the Pima County Public Defense Services' Office of the Public Defender and represents juveniles in dependency proceedings; and

WHEREAS, Judge Dunne has requested limited access to information identifying dependency cases over which she presided while serving as a judicial officer in Maricopa County for the sole purpose of conducting conflict checks in her current legal representation;

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

1. The Juvenile Court Administration for the Superior Court in Maricopa County is authorized to provide to the Honorable Pamela Dunne limited access to information derived from dependency case records identifying cases over which she presided while serving as a judicial officer.
2. The information provided shall be limited to that reasonably necessary to allow Judge Dunne to identify potential conflicts of interest in her current role, including case identifiers and party names, and shall be provided in the form of a spreadsheet or similar record.

3. Judge Dunne shall use the information solely for the purpose of conducting conflict checks related to her representation of clients in dependency proceedings and for no other purpose.
4. Judge Dunne shall maintain the confidentiality of all information received and shall not disclose, copy, or distribute such information except as necessary within the Pima County Public Defender's Office for conflict screening purposes.
5. Judge Dunne shall ensure that access to the information is restricted to herself and those within her office who require access for conflict screening, and that all such individuals maintain the confidentiality of the information consistent with Rule 313.
6. No information obtained pursuant to this Order shall be filed in any public record or disclosed in any manner that would identify a child, parent, or other party involved in a dependency proceeding, except as required by law or court rule.
7. This Administrative Order authorizes access only to the limited information described herein and does not authorize general inspection of juvenile case records.

Dated this 7th day of April, 2026.

Lori Bustamante

Hon. Lori Bustamante
Juvenile Department Presiding Judge

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

Copies: Hon. Pamela Sue Gates, Presiding Judge
Raymond L. Billotte, Superior Court Administrator
Shawn Friend, Deputy Court Administrator
Carma Umpleby, Juvenile Court Administrator
Hon. Pamela Dunne (Ret.)