

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA  
MARICOPA COUNTY**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE</b>	)	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE DISMISSAL</b>	)	<b>No. 2007-052</b>
<b>AND TERMINATION OF</b>	)	
<b>INACTIVE FAMILY COURT</b>	)	
<b>POST-DECREE AND POST-</b>	)	
<b>JUDGMENT PETITIONS</b>	)	
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Whereas, in previous years some litigants have filed various post-decree or post-judgment petitions to modify or enforce a prior family court decree, judgment, or order, and have subsequently abandoned such petitions by failing to present them to the assigned division, to serve them upon the opposing party, or to take other appropriate action to prosecute their petitions as required by published court rules for long periods of time; and

Whereas, some post-decree and post-judgment petitions were not previously coded as properly terminated in the Court's Integrated Court Information System (iCIS) because of computer software limitations that have now been resolved; and

Whereas, Rule 91(R), *Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure*, provides in relevant part that:

If a petition to enforce or modify a prior family court decree, judgment, or order is filed but not presented in proper form as required by these rules to the assigned division within one (1) year, is filed but not served upon the adverse party within one (1) year after filing, or is otherwise abandoned by the appearing parties with no activity for one (1) year, and there are no hearings or conferences scheduled with respect to the petition, the court may dismiss the petition without prejudice and without further notice.

Whereas, the Court is currently developing a comprehensive post-decree management system, including the implementation of enhanced computer technology to provide improved service, notification, management and accountability to the public with respect to all post-decree and post-judgment petitions; and

Whereas, in furtherance of these purposes, it is necessary and appropriate to implement the provisions of Rule 91(R), *Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure*, to administratively dismiss all post-decree and post-judgment petitions that have been previously resolved but not properly terminated on court records or that have been abandoned by the appearing parties with no activity for one (1) year or longer as provided in Rule 91(R).

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that any pending post-decree or post-judgment family court petition that is filed but not presented in proper form as required by the *Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure* to the assigned division within one (1) year, is filed but not served upon the adverse party within one (1) year after filing, or is otherwise abandoned by the appearing parties with no activity for one (1) year, when there are no hearings, conferences, or events scheduled with respect to the petition may be administratively dismissed without prejudice and without further notice in accordance with Rule 91(R), *Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure*.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any pending post-decree or post-judgment family court petition that has been resolved with the entry of appropriate rulings or orders in cases where no further activity has occurred for one (1) year or longer, shall be administratively terminated with the entry of an appropriate termination code in the Integrated Court Information System (iCIS) with respect to such petition.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that on and after May 1, 2007, court administration shall administratively dismiss all such abandoned post-decree and post-judgment family court petitions in accordance with the provisions of Rule 91(R), *Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure*.

DATED this 30th day of April, 2007.

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Hon. Norman J. Davis, Presiding Judge  
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