

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT )	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
OF A VETERANS TREATMENT COURT )	NO. 2008-129
EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE )	
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Whereas the Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County is aware of the emerging needs of veterans, and their families, entering the court system; and

Whereas the court understands the need for a comprehensive needs assessment to develop a coordinated response to current gaps in the service delivery system;

IT IS ORDERED that an Exploratory Committee be established to analyze the need for a problem solving court to address issues unique to combat veterans entering the court system; and

IT IS ORDERED appointing Honorable Kenneth Fields (retired), as Chair of the Exploratory Committee; and

IT IS ORDERED appointing Robin Hoskins as the staff person for the Exploratory Committee to assist Judge Fields and the committee.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the Exploratory Committee will consist of representatives that will further advance the goals of the committee. Representatives may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Superior and Limited Jurisdiction Courts
- Prosecution Counsel
- Defense Counsel
- Veterans Administration Medical Center
- Regional Behavioral Health Authority
- U.S. Veterans Administration
- Local law enforcement
- Community agencies serving combat veterans
- Other interested parties may be identified once the committee convenes

The Exploratory Committee will bring together and coordinate government and community-based services necessary to best support combat veterans and their families entering the court system. This will be accomplished through:

- Analysis of the need within Maricopa County
- Identification of the best response to diverting this population from the traditional criminal justice system
- Identification of funding sources and grant opportunities
- Establishment of an evaluation component to further monitor and assess the committee's response to the issue

The intent of this order is to designate this authority, effective October 8, 2008.

DATED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008.

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Barbara Rodriguez Mundell  
Presiding Judge

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

Copies: Marcus Reinkensmeyer, Judicial Branch Administrator  
Honorable Kenneth Fields, Retired Superior Court Judge  
Robin Hoskins, Problem Solving Court and Grant Coordinator