

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

IN THE MATTER OF SEALING
RECORDINGS OF PROBATE
MEDIATION PROCEEDINGS

) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
) No. 2009-077
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Whereas certain probate mediation proceedings conducted by judicial officers of the Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County have been and continue to be tape recorded, and

Whereas the tape recordings are part of the court record because certain tape recordings contain full or partial settlement agreements which have not been reduced to writing but are binding pursuant to Rule 80(d) of the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure, and

Whereas mediation proceedings are confidential pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-2238(B),

IT IS ORDERED sealing all current and future tape recordings of probate mediation proceedings. The Clerk of the Court shall seal the physical tapes, place the sealed tapes with the probate case files, and retain the sealed tapes with the probate case files pursuant to the record retention schedule of the Arizona Supreme Court.

Dated this 16th day of June, 2009.

Karen L. O'Connor
Probate/Mental Health Presiding Judge

Original: Clerk of the Court

Copies: Hon. Barbara Mundell, Presiding Judge
All Probate Judges and Commissioners
Marcus Reinkensmeyer, Judicial Branch Administrator
Phil Knox, Court Administrator, General Jurisdiction Courts
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Penny Boettcher, CV/PB Courtroom Services Manager
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