

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

IN RE THE GENERAL ADJUDICATION) Supreme Court Nos.
OF ALL RIGHTS TO USE WATER) WC-79-0001 through
IN THE GILA RIVER SYSTEM AND) WC-79-0004
SOURCE) (Consolidated)
) (and all related IR cases)
) Maricopa County Nos.
) W-1, W-2, W-3, W-4
) (Consolidated)
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_____) **ORDER**

Judge Michael C. Nelson has resigned as Judge of the Superior Court of Arizona in Apache County. While actively serving on the Apache County bench, this court approved the appointment of Judge Nelson to facilitate settlement negotiations on the Upper Gila River System "among the United States, the State of Arizona, the Gila River Indian Community, the San Carlos Apache Tribe, the Gila Valley Irrigation District, the Franklin Irrigation District, the San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District, and such other parties as Judge Nelson concludes should be invited to participate in the negotiations."

By reason of Judge Nelson's resignation, it becomes necessary to discontinue all authority previously vested in him as a facilitator and settlement judge in the General Adjudication above referenced.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the authority granted to former Judge Nelson in the Gila River General Adjudication was effectively terminated upon his resignation from judicial office.

DATED this 26th day of March, 2004.

/s/ Charles E. Jones
Charles E. Jones
Chief Justice

This order is sent to all persons appearing on the Court-approved mailing lists for the Gila River adjudication and the Little Colorado River adjudication, both dated October 6, 2003.