

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF
PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE JUVENILE
DEPARTMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 2022-069

Title 8, Chapter 2 of the Arizona Revised Statutes sets forth various powers and duties of the “presiding judge of the juvenile court.” A.R.S. §8-201 defines “juvenile court” as the “juvenile division of the superior court when exercising its jurisdiction over children in any proceeding relating to delinquency, dependency or incorrigibility.”

Rule 92 of the Rules of the Supreme Court and Arizona Supreme Court Administrative Order 2017-79 authorize the Presiding Judge to make judicial assignments. Administrative Order 2017-79 specifically authorizes the Superior Court Presiding Judge to appoint a presiding judge of the juvenile court, “to perform under the administrative supervision of the Presiding Judge.” Additionally, Maricopa County Superior Court Local Rule 1.2 authorizes the Presiding Judge to select Department Presiding Judges.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED appointing the Honorable Lori Horn Bustamante as the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Department, effective June 27, 2022, to manage the day-to-day operations and provide administrative oversight over all cases and judges assigned to the Juvenile Department, direct initial and continuing training for the Juvenile Department, and conduct regular departmental meetings. In addition, the Juvenile Department Presiding Judge shall serve as the representative of the Superior Court in Maricopa County on any statutory or non-statutory committees related to the Juvenile Department as appointed by the Arizona Supreme Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the statutory powers of the “presiding judge of the juvenile court” set forth in A.R.S. §8-203, §8-204, and §8-231 are retained by the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED this Administrative Order replaces Administrative Order 2019-077 on its effective date of June 27, 2022.

Dated this 9th day of June, 2022.

/s/ Joseph C. Welty
Hon. Joseph C. Welty
Presiding Judge

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