

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

IN THE MATTER OF NANCY  
RODRIGUEZ SERVING AS ACTING  
CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
No. 2025-051

The Clerk of the Superior Court in Maricopa County, Jeff Fine, has resigned from office effective April 2, 2025.

The Governor of the State of Arizona has not yet appointed a replacement Clerk of Court for Maricopa County. Arizona Revised Statutes § 38-462 provides that the deputy for a state officer “possesses the powers and may perform the duties prescribed by law for the office of the principal.” Supreme Court Administrative Order 2017-79 provides that the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in each county shall exercise administrative supervision over the Clerk of the Superior Court and shall prescribe the powers and duties of the clerk of the court, in addition to those prescribed by law and the Supreme Court.

Because of the importance of the continuation of the business of the Clerk of the Superior Court in Maricopa County,

**IT IS ORDERED** that Nancy Rodriguez, current Chief Deputy for the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, will serve as Acting Clerk of Court with all of the duties, powers and responsibilities of the Clerk of the Superior Court in Maricopa County until such time as the Governor of the State of Arizona’s appointee as replacement Clerk of Court assumes the Office.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2025.

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

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

Copies: Hon. Ann A. Scott Timmer, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court  
David K. Byers, Administrative Office of the Courts  
Pamela Frasher Gates, Associate Presiding Judge

All Superior Court Judges and Commissioners  
Raymond L. Billotte, Judicial Branch Administrator  
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