

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF
A COURT COMMISSIONER

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2026-044

Pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Arizona, Art. 6, Sec. 24, A.R.S. §12-213, as amended, and Rule 96 of the Rules of the Arizona Supreme Court (RASC),

IT IS ORDERED that Esmeralda Gaxiola is hereby appointed as a Court Commissioner of the Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County, effective April 23, 2026, on a full-time basis, with the working title of "Commissioner." Esmeralda Gaxiola shall serve one uninterrupted term of service, until retirement, resignation, or termination.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Esmeralda Gaxiola shall have all such powers and duties pursuant to law which shall include, but not be limited to, those powers and duties prescribed by A.R.S. §12-213, as amended, and Rule 96, RASC, as amended.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Esmeralda Gaxiola is assigned to hear any matter within the purview of this appointment pursuant to law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Esmeralda Gaxiola shall receive compensation at an annual salary of ninety percent of the salary of a judge of the Superior Court, which currently calculates \$180,000.00, pro-rated for the balance of calendar year 2026. This appointment is conditioned upon the agreement to serve only for the compensation received as a Court Commissioner while employed as a Commissioner by the Court, and to receive no additional compensation or benefit, fiscal or otherwise, when acting in the capacity of a Judge Pro Tempore.

Dated this 21st day of April, 2026.



Hon. Pamela S. Gates
Presiding Judge

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

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