

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO)
THE JUDICIAL MERIT SYSTEM)
COMMISSION FOR THE JUDICIAL)
BRANCH)
_____)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2026-074

WHEREAS, on May 6, 1998, the judges of the Superior Court of Arizona, in and for the County of Maricopa, adopted a revised Judicial Merit System Resolution and Rules for the Judicial Branch of Arizona in Maricopa County, effective July 1, 1998; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Administrative Order 98-034, the Judicial Merit System Commission was established for the Judicial Branch in the Superior Court of the State of Arizona, in and for the County of Maricopa, effective July 1, 1998; and

Therefore, to represent the public interest in the conduct of personnel administration in the Court Service,

IT IS ORDERED appointing the individual listed below as a member of the Judicial Merit System Commission. The term of service shall commence and be effective on July 1, 2026.

James Smith - 3-year term concluding on July 1, 2029

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that terms of service are subject to renewal contingent upon mutual consent of the Presiding Judge and the incumbent member of the Commission.

Dated this 25 day of June, 2026.



Hon. Pamela S. Gates
Presiding Judge

JUDGE GEOFFREY FISH

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

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Jennifer L. Fish, Director of Court Human Resources