

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF A
PRESIDING JUDGE FOR THE PROBATE
AND MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2026-081

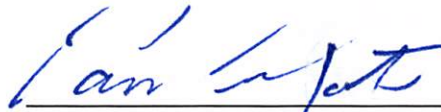
WHEREAS, Maricopa County Superior Court Local Rule 1.2 authorizes the Presiding Judge to select Department Presiding Judges; and

WHEREAS, Rule 92 of the Rules of the Supreme Court and Arizona Supreme Court Administrative Order 2017-79 authorizes the Presiding Judge to make judicial assignments;

IT IS ORDERED appointing the Honorable Geoffrey Fish as the Presiding Judge for the Probate and Mental Health Department effective June 19, 2026 to manage the day-to-day operations and provide administrative oversight over all cases and judges assigned to the Probate and Mental Health Department, direct initial and continuing training for the Probate and Mental Health Department, and conduct regular departmental meetings. In addition, the Probate and Mental Health 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 Probate and Mental Health Department as appointed by the Arizona Supreme Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED this Administrative Order replaces Administrative Order No. 2023-099 on its effective date of June 19, 2026.

Dated this 17th day of July, 2026.



Hon. Pamela S. Gates
Presiding Judge

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