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

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF COURT COMMISSIONER AS JUDGE PRO TEMPORE	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2026-157

Pursuant to Supreme Court Pro Tempore Order No. 2026-48 appointing a court commissioner as judge pro tempore to serve the Superior Court in Maricopa County, and the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors having approved same at its formal meeting on November 4, 2026.

IT IS ORDERED designating Madison R. Best, Matthew Elias & Christine M. Ortega, as Judge Pro Tempore to serve for the period October 26, 2026 through June 30, 2027, in accordance with A.R.S. §§ 12-141 et. seq., for no compensation or benefit, fiscal or otherwise, other than that to which they are entitled as a Commissioner, to hear and decide matters assigned by the Presiding Judge, by any departmental presiding judges, or by the Judicial Branch Administrator without further written order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED appointing Madison R. Best, Matthew Elias & Christine M. Ortega, as Judge Pro Tempore for the purpose of performing duties of a judge authorized by A.R.S. § 25-121 et seq. and A.R.S. § 12-2222 without specific assignment by the presiding judge, subject to the conditions and limitations of Canon 3, Rule 3.16, Code of Judicial Conduct, effective September 1, 2009 regarding the time and place of any such ceremonies and the receipt of any fee or compensation for performing weddings.

Dated this 4 day of November, 2026.

Hon. Pamela S. Gates, Presiding Judge
Superior Court of Arizona, Maricopa County

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

Copies: Hon. Danielle J. Viola, Associate Presiding Judge
All Departmental Presiding Judges
Hon. Madison R. Best, Commissioner
Hon. Matthew Elias, Commissioner
Hon. Christine M. Ortega, Commissioner
Raymond L. Billotte, Judicial Branch Administrator
Frances Dairman, Financial Operations Director
Jennifer Fish, Human Resources Director
Rachel Carreras, Judge Pro Tempore Coordinator