

MARICOPA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

IN THE MATTER OF) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
DIFFERENTIATED CASEFLOW)
MANAGEMENT IN THE FAMILY) NO. 2000- 049
COURT DEPARTMENT)

Based on the history and the Court's experience with Differentiated Caseflow Management in the Family Law Department (formerly known as the Domestic Relations Department), the Court has determined it is necessary and appropriate to amend Administrative Order No. 97-024, ordering the implementation of a Differentiated Caseflow Management (DCM) pilot project, in certain respects to expedite proceedings in which DCM procedures are not needed. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED, that Administrative Order No. 97-024 be and it is hereby amended, effective immediately, in the following respects:

1. All references to the Domestic Relations Department or divisions within the Domestic Relations Department shall hereafter be deemed to be and regarded as references to the Family Court Department and divisions of the Family Court Department.

2. Track 1 of Guideline 2-A is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"Track 1: Cases include those that proceed by default because no response has been filed by the opposing party, cases resolved by consent or stipulation prior to a conference with the DCM Caseflow Manager or the Judge assigned to the case, and cases in which the petition and response are filed by attorneys representing the petitioner and respondent, respectively, or in which the Court is otherwise advised that both parties are represented by counsel, unless either party or counsel for either party requests a DCM conference.

3. Track 6 of Guideline 2-A is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"Track 6: Cases include those in which the parties have filed a Joint Certification (JCE) which has been accepted by DCM. These cases will be placed on a "hold" for a period of 135 days, during which no DCM conferences will be scheduled. If the parties do not comply with all necessary steps as required by the JCE, and file either a Statement of Disagreement/Rule 80D Binding Agreements or Motion to Set (with all other documents, as required by civil procedures) within the allowed time, a DCM conference will be scheduled and the parties must attend."

4. Guideline 3-A is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

“A. General Information about the DCM Caseflow Manager Conferences.

Except cases that proceed by default, consent, stipulation, initial judicial management or in which both parties are represented by counsel neither of whom requests a DCM conference, all cases shall be set for one or more DCM Caseflow Manager Conferences. Cases that proceed by default, consent, stipulation or through judicial case management may also be set for such a conference by the assigned judge.”

and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties or counsel of record shall receive upon request a copy of Administrative Order No. 97-024 and this Administrative Order, together with the DCM Pilot Project guidelines, as amended hereby.

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Dated: ~~July~~ 16, 2000

Honorable ~~Bethany~~ G. Hicks
Presiding Judge
Family Law Department

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