

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY**

IN THE MATTER OF ACCESS TO
INFORMATION CONTAINED IN MENTAL
HEALTH CASES

} ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
} No. 2015-136

WHEREAS, A.R.S. § 36-509, Supreme Court Rule 123, and the policy of this Court regarding mental health records require specific direction for appropriate access to mental health records,

IT IS ORDERED the Clerk of the Superior Court shall disclose only the following information:

1. The fact a mental health case exists (or does not exist) for any named individual.
2. The number of that case.
3. The name of the assigned judicial officer.
4. The names of the attorneys of record, if any.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any other information or access to any mental health case shall be disclosed only to the following persons or entities:

1. The patient.
2. The patient's attorney.
3. The patient's court-appointed guardian or conservator.
4. The State Department of Corrections in cases where prisoners confined to the state prison are patients in the state hospital on authorized transfers either by voluntary admission or by order of the court.
5. Judges and Commissioners of the Superior Court in Maricopa County who need access to the information and records for case related purposes, including decisions on requests for restoration of civil rights.
6. Persons authorized by order of the Presiding Probate and Mental Health Judge or in that Judge's absence or disability, any other judge designated by the Presiding Judge of the County.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED this Administrative Order supersedes Administrative Order No. 2013-032.

Dated this 4th day of December, 2015.

/s/ Janet E. Barton

Honorable Janet E. Barton
Presiding Judge

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

Copies: Hon. Andrew Klein, Probate and Mental Health Presiding Judge
Hon. Sam J. Myers, Criminal Department Presiding Judge
Hon. Michael K. Jeanes, Clerk of the Superior Court
Raymond Billotte, Judicial Branch Administrator