

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

**IN THE MATTER OF PROVIDING)
A NOMINAL FEE TO JUSTICE)
COURT VOLUNTEER MEDIATORS)**
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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2005-120**

National studies have shown what a key role mediation plays in expediting cases. Through the use of volunteer mediators, litigants realize a savings in time and generally are happier with the result than if litigation proceeded to trial. Further, the benefits of the program allow for better utilization of Justice Court resources.

Whereas, the establishment of a nominal fee for Justice Court volunteer mediators assures that needs of the Court are met in a cost effective manner and provides improved calendar management, and the Court recognizes that as volunteers, these mediators are essentially providing pro bono services to the Court, this nominal fee will off-set some of the costs that they incur and will provide partial monetary relief to these volunteers that give so freely of their time to the Courts.

IT IS ORDERED:

Justice Court Special Revenue Fund 245 shall be used to pay Justice Court Mediators a nominal fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per day, regardless of the number of mediations conducted. No more than \$30,000 shall be expended for this purpose each fiscal year. In the event \$30,000 is expended during the fiscal year, Justice Court mediators will not receive a nominal fee.

DATED this 25th day of July, 2005.

Honorable Barbara R. Mundell
Presiding Judge

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