

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

IN RE CASES REFERRED TO)
CASE TRANSFER)
_____)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 2006-106

WHEREAS it is the policy of the Superior Court to resolve all criminal cases within the guidelines specified in Rule 8 of the Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure.

WHEREAS the Case Transfer Unit (“Case Transfer”) and the case transfer system are integral components of the Court’s case flow management, and the Court is dedicated to ensuring trial date certainty and integrity of the case transfer system.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Divisions contacted by Case Transfer shall accept case referrals on an individual basis, based upon the divisions’ availability for trial, pending settlements and the best possible use of resources for the Court.
2. Divisions referring a case to Case Transfer shall hold a Trial Management Conference, and shall have the case prepared for trial to the maximum degree possible. Divisions shall refer cases to Case Transfer no sooner than seven court days and no later than three court days prior to the trial date.
3. Divisions shall not refer a case to Case Transfer unless all dispositive motions have been ruled on. Divisions shall not refer complex or capital cases, cases expected to last more than five trials days, cases involving out-of-state parties or witnesses, cases requiring an interpreter, and cases with pro per parties without the approval of the Criminal Presiding Judge or Associate Criminal Presiding Judge. If an attorney has a case pending in Case Transfer, the division shall not refer another case involving the same attorney.
4. Case Transfer shall give priority to placing criminal cases that are the closest to the “last day”, and any case granted a preference by statute or other rule of court.
5. No jury shall be ordered until the receiving judge has conferred with the attorneys for the parties and has confirmed that the trial is ready to proceed.

Signed this 28th day of August, 2006.

Honorable Barbara Rodriguez Mundell
Presiding Judge

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

Copies: Hon. Ruth McGregor, Chief Justice, Supreme Court
Hon. Margaret Downie, Associate Presiding Judge
Hon. Terry Goddard, Attorney General
Hon. James H. Keppel, Presiding Criminal Judge
Hon. Anna M. Baca, Presiding Civil Presiding Judge
Hon. Karen O'Connor, Presiding Probate and Mental Health Court Judge
Hon. Michael Jeanes, Clerk of the Superior Court
Hon. Andrew Thomas, County Attorney
Hon. Joseph M. Arpaio, County Sheriff
David Smith, Maricopa County Administrator
James Haas, Public Defender
Susan Sherwin, Legal Advocate
Robert S. Briney, Legal Defender
Mark Kennedy, Office of Court Appointed Counsel
David K. Byers, Administrative Director of Administrative Office of the Court
Marcus Reinkensmeyer, Court Administrator
Joseph P. St. Louis, President of the Arizona Attorneys for Criminal Justice