

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN RE THE GENERAL ADJUDICATION) OF ALL RIGHTS TO USE WATER IN) THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER) SYSTEM AND SOURCE))	Supreme Court No. WC-79-0006 [WC-6]
AND))	Apache County No. 6417
THE GILA RIVER SYSTEM AND) SOURCE))))))))	Supreme Court Nos. WC-90-0001-IR (Includes WC-90-0001-IR through WC-90-0007-IR (consolidated) & WC-79-0001 through WC-79-0004 (consolidated)
))))	Maricopa County Nos. W-1, W-2, W-3 and W-4 (consolidated)
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Judge Edward L. Dawson, the trial judge to whom the adjudication of the Little Colorado River system and source is assigned, will retire in January 2002. As provided by A.R.S. § 45-252(C), this court must assign this case to another superior court judge.

The court is considering assigning to the Honorable Eddward P. Ballinger, Jr. adjudication of both the Little Colorado River case and the Gila River case. Because assigning these cases to one judge would be a departure from this court’s long-standing practice, the court desires the input of the parties in these cases before making this assignment. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that notice of the proposed assignment of the general adjudication of both the Little Colorado River System and Source and the Gila River System and Source to the Honorable Eddward P. Ballinger, Jr. shall be sent to all claimants in these cases who shall have the opportunity to file with this court in their respective cases by December 21, 2001 written comments regarding this proposed assignment of these cases.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that after the assignment is made, no change of judge under Ariz. R. Civ. P. 42(f)(1) will be permitted.

Dated this 23rd day of November, 2001.

FOR THE COURT

/s/ Thomas A. Zlaket

THOMAS A. ZLAKET
Chief Justice

TO: Attached list