

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MOHAVE

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
 THE APPLICATION OF GARY R. POPE)
 AND JOANN POPE FOR EMERGENCY)
 EXEMPTION FROM CERTIFICATION OF)
 A PRIVATE FIDUCIARY)
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An emergency situation exists for the continuing protection of the interests of a number of incapacitated or protected persons, or the assets of estates of deceased persons, because of the recent, tragic death of Donna Zern, the certified private fiduciary and owner of Mohave Estate Management Office ("MEMO").

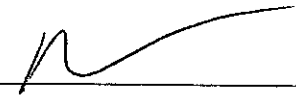
Gary R. Pope, a retired Superior Court Judge, and his wife JoAnn Pope, who was until recently a certified private fiduciary and is the former owner and manager of the Mohave Estate Management Office business, have submitted a petition for appointment as joint, interim successor guardians/conservators, personal representatives or trustees of the estates of a number of protected or deceased persons or beneficiaries of established trusts.

A.R.S. § 14-5651(G) and section 7-202 of the Arizona Code of Judicial Administration provide for exemption from the certification requirement for fiduciaries under certain, limited circumstances. The statute and code also provide that the presiding judge may designate another judge to make the determinations and orders under those circumstances. Judge James E. Chavez is the judge to whom the vast majority of the effected cases are assigned, and I have virtually no experience in handling these types of cases. Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED designating the Honorable James E. Chavez, Judge of Division 4 of this court, to conduct a hearing, make findings as required by law, and to rule on the petition for appointment of interim successor guardian/conservator, personal representative and trustee.

FURTHER ORDERED designating Judge Chavez to rule on the certification exemption and bonding issues as he deems appropriate.

Dated this 9th day of January, 2004.



 Presiding Judge