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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MOHAVE 2005 JUN 30 PM 3:09

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IN THE MATTER OF:)
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REVISION OF THE CASE ASSIGNMENT)
SYSTEM FOR MOHAVE COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT)
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
2005-15

The judges of this court have reviewed the current case assignment system and considered the impact of some changes in the law, some of the needs and requests of segments of the local bar and the rotation of judges in the positions of presiding and associate presiding judge to be effective in the near future. We have agreed that some changes in the assignments will improve either the administration of justice for litigants or the efficiency of the processing of cases in superior court. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED adopting the procedures and schedules outlined in the accompanying document as the procedure for assignment of cases to the judicial officers of Mohave County Superior court, effective July 1, 2005.

DATED this 30th day of June, 2005.

R.A. Bartlett

Honorable Randolph A. Bartlett, Presiding Judge
Mohave County Superior Court

Original filed with the Clerk of Superior Court in Mohave County

CRIMINAL CASES

Criminal cases filed in superior court will be assigned between three divisions, with Judges Conn and Moon each receiving forty percent (40%) and Judge Chavez receiving twenty percent (20%).

These cases will continue to be subject to the procedure whereby any defendant with more than one criminal case pending will have each assigned to the same judge, and any future criminal cases filed against a given defendant will again be assigned to that same judge.

Criminal appeals from the limited jurisdiction courts will be assigned to Judge Conn.

Fugitive cases given a 9000 number will be assigned to Judge Chavez. The initial hearing in any given fugitive case may be held by Pro Tempore Superior Court Judge John S. Taylor, Judge Moon or Judge Conn, in that order of priority, in the event Judge Chavez is unavailable.

CIVIL CASES

A. CIVIL CASES ASSIGNED A CV NUMBER

These cases will be assigned as follows:

1. Cases filed in Lake Havasu City and given a 7000 number will be assigned to Judge Bartlett and heard in Lake Havasu City to the extent possible.
2. Cases filed in Bullhead City and given a 4000 number will be assigned to Judge Gurtler and heard in Bullhead City to the extent possible.
3. Cases filed in Kingman will be assigned as follows:
 - a) If the case number ends in 8, 5, 3 or 0 the case will be assigned to Judge Gurtler.
 - b) All other CV cases filed in Kingman will be assigned to Judge Chavez.
4. Supplemental proceedings, including "T-files", shall be conducted by the judge previously assigned to any given case. In the event the originally assigned judge is permanently or indefinitely unavailable, the case will be assigned to Judge Gurtler for these proceedings.

B. PROBATE CASES (PB)

These cases will be assigned as follows:

1. Cases filed in Lake Havasu City and given a 7000 number will be assigned to Judge Bartlett and heard in Lake Havasu City to the extent possible.

2. Cases filed in Bullhead City and given a 4000 number will be assigned to Judge Gurtler and heard in Bullhead City to the extent possible.

3. Cases filed in Kingman will be assigned as follows:

a) If the case number ends in 5 or 0 the case will be assigned to Judge Bartlett and heard in Kingman to the extent possible.

b) If the case was filed by a Bullhead City attorney and involves a personal representative residing in Bullhead City the case will be assigned to Judge Gurtler and heard in Bullhead City to the extent possible.

c) All other PB cases filed in Kingman will be assigned to Judge Chavez.

C. GUARDIANSHIP/CONSERVATORSHIP (GC)

These cases will be assigned as follows:

1. Cases filed in Lake Havasu City and given a 7000 number will be assigned to Judge Bartlett and heard in Lake Havasu City to the extent possible.

2. Cases filed in Bullhead City and given a 4000 number will be assigned to Judge Gurtler and heard in Bullhead City to the extent possible.

3. Cases filed in Kingman will be assigned to Judge Chavez.

D. DOMESTIC RELATIONS (DO)

These cases will be assigned as follows:

1. Cases filed in Lake Havasu City and given a 7000 number will be assigned to Judge Gurtler and heard in either Lake Havasu City or Bullhead City, depending on scheduling needs of the facilities and parties. Those cases proceeding to final hearing by default will be heard by Judge Pro Tempore Jill Davis, so long as she continues to serve in that capacity, but will remain officially assigned to Judge Gurtler for any post-decree proceedings.

2. Cases filed in Bullhead City and give a 4000 number will be assigned to Judge Gurtler and heard in Bullhead City to the extent possible.

3. Cases filed in Kingman and assigned a case number ending either in 5 or 0 will be assigned to Judge Bartlett and heard in Kingman to the extent possible.

4. All other cases filed in Kingman will be assigned to Commissioner/Judge Pro Tempore Roth and heard in Kingman.

E. JUVENILE COURT CASES

1. Juvenile delinquency (JV) cases will be assigned to Judge Weiss and heard in the city in which the offenses are alleged to have been committed to the extent possible. Hearings on juveniles detained in the detention center will be held in Kingman.

2. Juvenile dependency (JD) and severance (JS) cases will be assigned to Judge Weiss and heard in Kingman to the extent possible, with Judge Weiss having discretion to schedule hearings in Bullhead City or Lake Havasu City upon good cause.

3. Juvenile adoption (JA) cases will be assigned to Judge Weiss and heard in Kingman.

F. MENTAL HEALTH CASES (MH)

These cases will be assigned to Judge Chavez and hear in Kingman.