

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

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IN THE MATTER OF:

CASE ASSIGNMENT CHANGES
FOR THE MOHAVE COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
2026-31

WHEREAS, the Court finds it necessary to modify existing case assignments given the appointment of Judge Amanda Claerhout. The attached case assignment tables have been updated to reflect the necessary changes.

IT IS ORDERED adopting the attached October 5, 2026 case assignment tables for the Superior Court Judicial Officers in Mohave County, effective on their respective dates.

DATED this 11th day of September, 2026.



Honorable Steven C. Moss, Presiding Judge

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Case Assignments – October 5, 2026

Judicial Officer		Case Category	Notes
Carlisle	Crim PJ	Criminal	Grand Jury
Sipe		Criminal	SVP cases
Esplin		Criminal	HAWC Kingman
McCoy	APJ	Criminal	
Lambert		Domestic – KNG	
Demke	Fam Law PJ	Juv. Del/Dep/T8GC – KNG JRC + ARC KNG GC - KNG	DAP Judge Adoption, Sev., Em. KNG PP5
Gordon	Civil PJ	Civil	
Gregory		Civil	FASTAR
Holden		Civil Forfeitures & Quiet Title Hearing Officer Title IV-D Probate CR: Arraignments, IAs, Fugitives Hearing Officer + CR & CV Restoration of Rights, Set Asides, Misdemeanor designations, Expungements, & Sealing	KNG Protective Orders & BHC Th/Fri Lower Ct Special Actions & Appeals
Moss	PJ	Civil	
Williams	PJJ PTCJ	Juv Del/Dep/T8GC – BHC ARC - BHC & LHC JRC – BHC & LHC HAWC – LHC	Juv Del– LHC Adop, Sev., Em. BHC/LHC FTC Kingman Election cases
Weisberg		Domestic – BHC Juv Dep/T8GC – LHC	BHC Protective Orders M/T/W
Claerhout		Domestic – LHC Conflict GC cases	GC – BHC/LHC LHC Protective Orders
Camacho	Probate PJ	Civil Conflict Probate cases	Mental Health

PROTECTIVE ORDER ASSIGNMENT RULES

All initial protective order hearings shall be assigned to the protective order judge pursuant to the matrix.

When a request for contested hearing is filed,

- 1) **if there is a pending DO** with the same parties, then the matter shall be transferred by the protective order judge to the DO judge.
- 2) **If there is a prior DO involving children** with the same parties, then the matter shall be transferred by the protective order judge to the judge who handled the DO matter *only if that judge agrees to such transfer*.
- 3) **If above do not apply**, and the issuing judge is no longer a protective order judge in that city, the case shall be assigned to the protective order judge of the day in that city.

CRIMINAL CASE ASSIGNMENT RULES

Superior Court criminal cases are assigned to judges in the following order of priority:

- 1) Notices / petitions for post-conviction relief are assigned to the sentencing judge, whether or not the sentencing judge is still assigned a criminal caseload.
- 2) Rule 11's from limited jurisdiction courts are assigned to the presiding criminal judge.
- 3) Probation violations are assigned to the sentencing judge, if the sentencing judge is assigned a criminal caseload.
- 4) If a defendant is on probation and is charged in a new case, whether or not there is a probation violation, the new case is assigned to the sentencing judge of the probation case, if the sentencing judge is assigned a criminal caseload.
- 5) If a defendant has a case pending in the superior Court, and new case in which the defendant is charged is assigned to the same judge as the pending case.
- 6) If a judge takes over a criminal caseload from another judge, the new judge will only take over open, pending cases and, for purposes of rules 3 and 4, probation cases in which the previous judge was the sentencing judge.
- 7) Co-defendants are assigned to the same judge.
- 8) If provisions 1-7 do not apply, the case is assigned based on the case assignment matrix.

EMERGENCIES

In emergency situations, the following are designated as the point of contact and decision maker regarding the respective buildings, courtrooms, and office spaces:

- KNG: Judge McCoy, and in her absence Judge Carlisle
- BHC: Judge Moss, and in his absence Judge Williams
- LHC: Judge Camacho, and in his absence Judge Claerhout