

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MOHAVE

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IN THE MATTER OF:)
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REVISION OF CASE ASSIGNMENT)
SYSTEM FOR MOHAVE COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT)
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VIRLYNN TINNELL
SUPERIOR COURT CLERK
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
2009-53
(Rescinds Administrative Order 2007-46)

Due to changes in the judicial officers of this court, it is necessary to change case assignments accordingly. The judges have reviewed and agreed to the case assignment schedule outlined in the accompanying document. 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 in Mohave County Superior Court, effective August 1, 2009.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED rescinding A.O. 2007-46, effective retroactively to August 1, 2009.

DATED this 10TH day of August, 2009.

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

Original filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court in Mohave County

CASE ASSIGNMENTS

CRIMINAL CASES (CR)

Criminal cases filed in superior court will be assigned between three divisions, with Judges Conn and Williams each receiving forty percent (40%) and Commissioner Carlisle 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 Weiss in Division VI.

Fugitive cases given a "9000" number will be assigned to Commissioner Carlisle in the Commissioner's Court. The initial hearing in any given fugitive case may be held by Pro Tempore Superior Court Judge John S. Taylor, Judge Williams in Division V, Judge Conn in Division III, or Judge Weiss in Division VI, in that order of priority, in the event Commissioner Carlisle is unavailable.

Commissioner Carlisle will conduct all unassigned/assigned judge unavailable initial appearances. Commissioner Carlisle will conduct all proposition 100 no bond hearings.

CIVIL CASES (CV)

1) Cases filed in Kingman will be assigned as follows:

- a) If the case number ends in 1, the case will be assigned to Judge Bartlett in Division II.
- b) If the case number ends in 0, 3, or 5, the case will be assigned to Judge Gurtler in Division I.
- c) All other cases (2,4,6,7,8 and 9) will be assigned to Judge Jantzen in Division IV.

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

3) Cases filed in Lake Havasu City and given a "7000" number will be assigned to Judge Bartlett in Division II and heard in Lake Havasu City to the extent possible.

4) Emergency hearings (for example, but not limited to, forcible entry & detainers, temporary restraining orders and provisional remedies) will be handled by the assigned judge. However, should

the assigned judge not be available, then the following order shall apply:

- a) Kingman cases:
 - i) Judge Jantzen in Division IV
 - ii) Judge Gurtler in Division I
 - iii) Judge Bartlett in Division II
 - b) Bullhead City cases:
 - i) Judge Bartlett in Division II
 - ii) Judge Jantzen in Division IV
 - iii) Judge Williams in Division V or Judge Weiss in Division VI
 - c) Lake Havasu City:
 - i) Judge Gurtler in Division I
 - ii) Judge Jantzen in Division IV
 - iii) Judge Williams in Division V or Judge Weiss in Division VI
- 4) "T" files will be assigned as follows:
- a) Cases filed in Kingman will be assigned to Commissioner/Judge Pro Tempore Roth in Family Court.
 - b) Cases filed in Bullhead City and given a "4000" number will be assigned to Judge Gurtler in Division I and heard in Bullhead City to the extent possible.
 - c) Cases filed in Lake Havasu City and given a "7000" number will be assigned to Judge Bartlett in Division II and heard in Lake Havasu City to the extent possible.
 - d) For all prior filed cases, any further proceeding therein will be handled by the assigned judge. In the event the assigned judge is no longer available, the case will be assigned to Commissioner/Judge Pro Tempore Roth for Kingman filed cases, Judge Gurtler for any Bullhead City filed cases and Judge Bartlett for any Lake Havasu City filed cases.
- 5) All recusal and/or notice of change of judge will be handled by the presiding judge.

PROBATE CASES (PB)

- 1) Cases filed in Kingman will be assigned as follows:
 - a) If the case number ends in 0 or 5, the case will be assigned to Judge Bartlett in Division II 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/Mohave Valley, the case will be assigned to Judge Gurtler in Division I and heard in Bullhead City to the extent possible.
 - c) All other cases will be assigned to Judge Jantzen in Division IV.
- 2) Cases filed in Bullhead City and given a "4000" number will be assigned to Judge Gurtler in Division I and heard in Bullhead City to the extent possible.
- 3) Cases filed in Lake Havasu City and given a "7000" number will be assigned to Judge Bartlett in Division II and heard in Lake Havasu City to the extent possible.

4) All recusal and/or notice of change of judge will be handled by the presiding judge.

GUARDIANSHIP/CONSERVATORSHIP CASES (GC)

1) Cases filed in Kingman will be assigned as follows:

- a) Any minor guardianship, whether filed under Title 8 or Title 14 will be assigned to Judge Weiss in Division VI and will be heard in Kingman.
- b) All other cases will be assigned to Judge Jantzen in Division IV.

2) Cases filed in Bullhead City and given a "4000" number will be assigned as follows:

- a) Any minor guardianship, whether filed under Title 8 or Title 14 will be assigned to Judge Weiss in Division VI and heard in Bullhead City to the extent possible.
- b) All other cases will be assigned to Judge Gurtler in Division I.

3) Cases filed in Lake Havasu City and given a "7000" number will be assigned as follows:

- a) Any minor guardianship, whether filed under Title 8 or Title 14 will be assigned to Judge Weiss in Division VI and heard in Lake Havasu City to the extent possible.
- b) All other cases will be assigned to Judge Bartlett in Division II.

4) All recusal and/or notice of change of judge will be handled by the presiding judge.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS (DO)

1) Cases filed in Kingman will be assigned to Commissioner/Judge Pro Tempore Roth in Family Court.

2) Cases filed in Bullhead City and given a "4000" number will be heard in Bullhead City to the extent possible and assigned as follows:

- a) Cases ending with 6 or 0 will be assigned to Judge Weiss in Division VI.
- b) All other cases will be assigned to Judge Gurtler in Division I.
- c) Judges Gurtler and Weiss will coordinate calendars and may set any default hearing on Judge Weiss' calendar. However, the cases assigned to Judge Gurtler will remain assigned to him for any post decree proceeding.

3) Cases filed in Lake Havasu City and given a "7000" number will be heard in Lake Havasu City to the extent possible and assigned as follows:

- a) All cases will be originally assigned to Judge Pro Tempore Davis for so long as she continues to serve in that capacity. Judge Pro Tempore Davis will conduct all default hearings and will conduct all contested hearings necessary in any matter without children, including post decree matters.
- b) Any contested matter involving children will be assigned to Commissioner/Judge Pro Tempore Roth. These hearings will be held in Kingman.

- 4) Emergency hearings will be handled by the assigned judge. However, should the assigned judge not be available, then the following order shall apply:
- a) For any case Commissioner/Judge Pro Tempore Roth in Family Court, then as follows:
 - b) Kingman cases:
 - i) Judge Jantzen in Division IV
 - ii) Judge Williams in Division V
 - iii) Judge Weiss in Division VI
 - c) Bullhead City cases:
 - i) Judge Gurtler in Division I if Judge Weiss not available
 - ii) Judge Weiss in Division VI if Judge Gurtler not available
 - iii) Judge Jantzen in Division IV or Judge Williams in Division V
 - d) Lake Havasu City cases:
 - i) Judge Gurtler in Division I if Commissioner/Judge Pro Tempore Roth not available
 - ii) Judge Bartlett in Division II if Judge Gurtler not available
 - iii) Judge Weiss in Division VI - Judge Jantzen in Division IV - Judge Williams in Division V
- 5) All recusal and/or notice of change of judge will be handled by the presiding judge.

ORDERS OF PROTECTION

Commissioner/Judge Pro Tempore Carlisle in Commissioner's Court shall be assigned all petitions for cases filed in Kingman or Bullhead City and, thereafter, conduct all necessary hearings. Judge Pro Tempore Davis shall be assigned all petitions for cases filed in Lake Havasu City and, thereafter, conduct all necessary hearings. In the event, Judge Pro Tempore Davis is unavailable, Commissioner/Judge Pro Tempore Carlisle will review any Lake Havasu City petition and/or conduct hearings as necessary.

In the event Judges Pro Tempore Carlisle and Davis are unavailable, the following order of next available judge shall be followed for review of any petition filed:

- 1) Commissioner/Judge Pro Tempore Roth in Family Court for Kingman cases only
- 2) Judge Gurtler in Division I for Bullhead City and Lake Havasu City only
- 3) Judge Jantzen in Division IV
- 4) Judge Williams in Division V
- 5) Judge Weiss in Division VI
- 6) Judge Bartlett in Division II
- 7) Judge Conn in Division III

MENTAL HEALTH (MH)

1) All cases, regardless of where filed, will be assigned to Judge Jantzen in Division IV and heard in Kingman.

2) All recusal and/or notice of change of judge will be handled by the presiding judge.

JUVENILE COURT (JD-JS-JA-JV)

1) All dependency, termination of parental rights, severance and adoption cases, regardless of where filed, will be assigned to Judge Weiss in Division VI. Presently all hearings will be heard in Kingman. However, in the event facilities in Lake Havasu City or Bullhead City become available, cases may be heard in location where the case was filed.

2) Juvenile delinquency cases will be assigned as follows:

- a) All dually adjudicated juveniles, regardless of the chronology, will be assigned to Judge Weiss in Division VI.
- b) Cases filed in Kingman will be assigned to Commissioner/Judge Pro Tempore Carlisle in Commissioner's Court and will be heard in Kingman to the extent possible.
- c) Cases filed in Bullhead City and given a "4000" number will be assigned to Commissioner/Judge Pro Tempore Carlisle in Commissioner's Court and heard in Bullhead City to the extent possible. Detained Bullhead City juvenile hearings will be held in Kingman. Upon review of how this plan goes, the Bullhead City delinquencies may be assigned to Judge Weiss in Division VI.
- d) Cases filed in Lake Havasu City and given a "7000" number will be assigned to Judge Weiss in Division VI and heard in Lake Havasu City to the extent possible. Detained Lake Havasu City juvenile hearings will be held in Kingman.

3) All recusal and/or notice of change of judge will be handled by the presiding judge or the presiding juvenile judge.

DRUG COURT (JV)

All drug court matters will be assigned to Commissioner/Judge Pro Tempore Carlisle in Commissioner's Court and will be heard in the location of the juvenile, subject to facility availability.

IV -D

All State paternity and child support enforcement cases will be assigned to Commissioner/Judge Pro Tempore Roth in Family Court and will be heard in Kingman.