

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MOHAVE

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<p>IN THE MATTER OF:</p> <p>DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASE PROCESSING PROCEDURE</p>	<p>ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2018-13 2019</p>
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BACKGROUND – The Arizona Supreme Court has established Case Processing Time Standards for various types of cases including domestic relations matters. While Mohave County Superior Court has significantly improved in processing these cases, it is not currently meeting the time standards. In most cases, a quicker disposition equates to better results and greater justice for the parties in domestic relations matters. The time standards make provision, and the Court is aware that in specific cases, a longer timeframe is necessary to achieve a just result. Although committed to the time standards, the Court will not sacrifice justice in a given case solely for the purpose of expediency. The time standards provide that 75% of cases will be resolved within one hundred eight (180) days, 90% within two hundred and seventy (270) days, and 96% within three hundred sixty-five (365) days.

In order for Mohave County Superior Court to meet the time standards, a coordinated effort of the Court including Judicial Officers, Judicial Assistants, Administrative Staff and Court Clerks, counsel, and the parties is necessary. The Court expects these groups to make proactive efforts in order for Mohave County Superior Court to achieve the time standard results. The following Orders are, therefore, issued in domestic relations matters.

IT IS ORDERED each Judicial Officer shall actively manage a domestic relations docket assigned thereto beginning with the filing of the Petition. Court Administration shall notify the assigned Judicial Officer upon the filing of a Petition and Response. Court Administration shall further immediately verify to the assigned Division upon receipt of any Motion, Notice of Settlement, or the filing of a Mediation Report. The Court's Judicial Assistant shall maintain a calendaring or tickle system with respect to Motions to ensure the same are timely brought to the Judge's attention for ruling thereon.


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each Judicial Officer assigned to a domestic relations docket shall within thirty (30) days of the issuance of this Administrative Order adopt a written case management process for domestic relations matters. The same shall

be posted on the Court's website and the Judicial Officer shall notify the Presiding Judge of the creation of the case management process and posting.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all Judicial Officers when presented with an assigned case list from Court Administration shall review all cases over 180 days old that do not have a pending hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED directing Court Administration to provide assigned case lists to the Judicial Officers at a minimum on a quarterly basis.

DATED this 8th day of January, 2019.



Honorable Charles W. Gurtler, Jr., Presiding Judge
Mohave County Superior Court

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