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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MOHAVE

IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING A
REMOTE CIVIL JURY TRIAL PILOT
PROJECT IN SUPERIOR COURT IN
MOHAVE COUNTY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
2021-23

The Supreme Court issued Administrative Order No. 2021-50 on April 14, 2021 authorizing the Mohave County Superior Court to establish a remote civil jury trial pilot project. This Administrative Order will establish parameters of the pilot project.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that all civil matters where both parties are represented by counsel of record that are pending or to be filed in and assigned to Division 4 of the Mohave County Superior Court shall automatically be placed in the remote jury trial pilot project. The parties subject to the mandatory placement in the pilot court project may petition the court to conduct an in person jury trial provided the party establishes to the courts satisfaction that there is a unique reason with respect to the presentation of the case such that the remote jury trial is not feasible.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED directing Mohave County Superior Court's IT Department to prepare and post on the court's website a series of self-help videos and instructional documents to help the justice partners, witnesses and jurors navigate through the remote jury trial process. The self-help videos and educational documents shall further demonstrate and instruct on the use of the new CaseLines Digital Evidence Platform.

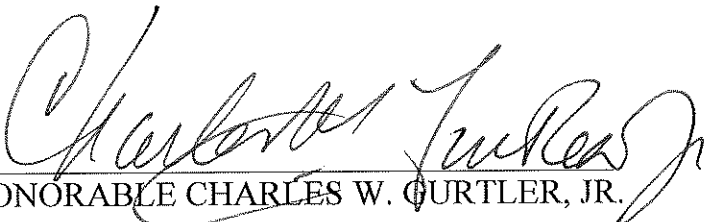
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED directing the Clerk's Office to identify prospective jurors that either do not have a device or access to the internet to appear remotely. Court Administration is directed to supply to the extent practicable appropriate internet enabled devices. This may include, without limitation, a tablet or cradle point device in order for the prospective juror to complete his or her civic duty by appearing remotely for jury service.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED directing the Clerk's Office and Court Administration to collect appropriate data in order to analyze the utility of the remote jury trial process. The Clerk's Office will provide a link to appropriate survey(s) for data collection purposes. Such data shall include information concerning the prospective jurors who participated in the jury selection process through internet enabling devices provided by the court. The data shall be completed in a timely manner in order for the court to report its findings to the Arizona Judicial Council by October, 2022.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the pilot court shall continue through December 31, 2022 unless further extended by subsequent Supreme Court Administrative Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED in accord with Supreme Court Administrative Order 2021-50 that Rule 42.1, Rules of Civil Procedure providing a litigant with a right to a change of one judge is suspended throughout the period of this pilot court program.

DATED this 20th day of May, 2021.


HONORABLE CHARLES W. GURTLE, JR.
Presiding Judge
Mohave County Superior Court