

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA **FILED**
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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)
_____)

VIRLYNN TINNELL
CLERK SUPERIOR COURT
BY: _____ DEPUTY
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER *[Signature]*
2007-28
(Recinds Administrative Order 2007-18)

The judges of this court have reviewed the current case assignment system and considered the impact of some changes in the law, some needs and requests of segments of the local bar and the rotation of judges in the position 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 in Mohave County Superior Court, effective August 1, 2007.

DATED this 31st day of July, 2007.

[Signature: 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

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.
 - b) If the case number ends with 0, 3, or 5, the case will be assigned to Judge Gurtler.
 - c) All other cases (2, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9) will be assigned to Judge Chavez.
- 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 Lake Havasu City and given a "7000" number will be assigned to judge Bartlett and heard in Lake Havasu City to the extent possible.
- 4) Supplemental Proceedings, including "T" files will be conducted by the judge previously assigned to the case. In the event the originally assigned judge is not available, the case will be assigned to Commissioner/Judge Pro Tempore Roth.
- 5) All recusal assignments 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 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 and heard in Bullhead City to the extent possible.
 - c) All other cases will be assigned to Judge Chavez.
- 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 Lake Havasu City and given a "7000" number will be assigned to Judge Bartlett and heard in Lake Havasu City to the extent possible.
- 4) Any recusal 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 and will be held in Kingman.
 - b) All other cases will be assigned to Judge Chavez.
- 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 and heard in Bullhead City to the extent possible.

- b) All other cases will be assigned to Judge Gurtler.
- 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 and hearing in Lake Havasu City to the extent possible.
 - b) All other cases will be assigned to Judge Bartlett.
- 4) Any recusal will be handled by the presiding judge.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS (DO)

- 1) Cases filed in Kingman will be assigned to Commissioner/Judge Pro Tempore Roth.
- 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.
 - b) All other cases will be assigned to Judge Gurtler.
 - c) Judges Gurtler and Weiss will coordinate calendars and may assign any default hearing to Judge Weiss for default hearing. However, the case will remain assigned to Judge Gurtler 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 original 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 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 may be held at any available court facility with a preference for Lake Havasu City if available.
- 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, then as follows:
 - b) Kingman cases:
 - i) Judge Chavez
 - ii) Judge Moon
 - iii) Judge Weiss
 - c) Bullhead City cases:
 - i) Judge Gurtler if Judge Weiss not available
 - ii) Judge Weiss if Judge Gurtler not available
 - iii) Judge Chavez or Judge Moon
 - d) Lake Havasu City cases:
 - i) Judge Gurtler if Commissioner/Judge Pro Tempore Roth not available
 - ii) Judge Bartlett if Judge Gurtler not available
 - iii) Judge Weiss - Judge Chavez - Judge Moon
- 5) Any recusal will be handled by the presiding judge.

ORDERS OF PROTECTION

The assigned judge shall conduct the hearing if available. Commissioner/Judge Pro Tempore Jantzen will conduct all unassigned/assigned judge unavailable hearing regardless of where the petition may have been filed. Hearings may be conducted telephonically or through video conferencing if available.

Thereafter, hearings will be heard by the next available judge in this order: Commissioner/Judge Pro Tempore Roth, Judge Chavez, Judge Moon, Judge Weiss, Judge Bartlett, Judge Comm.

MENTAL HEALTH (MH)

- 1) All cases, regardless of where filed, will be assigned to Judge Chavez and heard in Kingman.
- 2) Any recusal 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. 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.
 - b) Cases filed in Kingman will be assigned to Commissioner/Judge Pro Tempore Jantzen 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 Jantzen and heard in Bullhead City to the extent possible. Detained Bullhead City juveniles hearings will be held in Kingman.
 - d) Cases filed in Lake Havasu City and given a "7000" number will be assigned to Judge Judge Weiss and heard in Lake Havasu City to the extent possible. Detained Lake Havasu City juvenile hearings will be held in Kingman.
- 3) Any recusal 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 Jantzen 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/JudgePro Tempore Roth.