

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
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APPROVAL OF PRETRIAL RISK) Administrative Order
ASSESSMENT TOOL IN COMPLIANCE) No. 2015 - 38
WITH ARIZONA CODE OF JUDICIAL)
ADMINISTRATION § 5-201(E)(1))
_____)

Arizona Code of Judicial Administration (ACJA) § 5-201 was approved by the Arizona Judicial Council on December 12, 2013 and adopted by Administrative Order No. 2014-12 on January 10, 2014. ACJA § 5-201 authorizes courts to operate pretrial service programs that incorporate evidence-based practices, including the use of risk assessments for the purpose of making pretrial release decisions, establishing pretrial release conditions, and providing pretrial release supervision. ACJA § 5-201(E)(1) requires courts operating pretrial services to use a pretrial risk assessment tool approved by the Arizona Judicial Council.

At their meeting on December 12, 2013, the Arizona Judicial Council approved the use of the Public Safety Assessment-Court (PSA-Court), a validated pretrial risk assessment, for use in five pilot site courts in Arizona. This pretrial risk assessment has been successfully in use in the pilot locations, and the Administrative Office of the Courts has obtained approval to allow other Arizona courts to also use this pretrial risk assessment.

On March 26, 2015, the Arizona Judicial Council approved the use of the PSA-Court as an approved pretrial risk assessment tool for Arizona courts, beyond the five pilot courts.

Therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that the Public Safety Assessment-Court (PSA-Court) is an approved pretrial risk assessment tool in compliance with ACJA § 5-201(E)(1).

Dated this 7th day of May, 2015.

SCOTT BALES
Chief Justice