

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
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GOVERNANCE OF THE PIMA) Administrative Order
COUNTY CONSOLIDATED JUSTICE) No. 2020 - 115
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On July 25, 2013, this Court entered Administrative Order No. 2013-70 establishing a governance and administrative structure for the justice of peace courts in Pima County. The order, in part, established the positions of chief administrative judge and court administrator of the Pima County Consolidated Justice Court (PCCJC) to manage the day-to-day operations of the court under the general direction of the presiding superior court judge.

The position of court administrator is currently vacant. The vacancy provides an opportunity for this court and Presiding Judge Kyle Bryson to examine the administrative and managerial operations of the PCCJC to determine if changes to the existing governance structure are desirable pending the recruitment and appointment of the next justice court administrator.

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

IT IS ORDERED that Presiding Judge Kyle Bryson is designated to supervise the day-to-day operations of the Pima County Consolidated Justice Court (PCCJC), including the duties of the administrative judge, until further order of this Court. Judge Bryson may make other appointments as he deems necessary.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Kent Batty is appointed as interim justice court administrator of the PCCJC effective August 4, 2020, or on a date determined by Judge Bryson, with full authority over administrative matters of that court and reporting directly to Judge Bryson. This authority includes the administrative and managerial duties of the justice court administrator as provided in Section 6 of Administrative Order No. 2013-70.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Superior Court Administrator Ron Overholt and staff shall provide assistance as Judge Bryson deems necessary.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Judge Kyle Bryson is designated as “judicial leadership” for the PCCJC as referenced in the provisions of Administrative Order No. 2020-114.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, as soon as practical, Judge Bryson and Kent Batty shall report to the Chief Justice on changes, if any, recommended to improve the existing governance structure of the PCCJC.

Dated this 17th day of July, 2020.

ROBERT BRUTINEL
Chief Justice