

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)	
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EXTENSION OF THE FAST)	Administrative Order
TRIAL AND ALTERNATIVE)	No. 2020 - <u>158</u>
RESOLUTION (FASTAR))	(Affecting Administrative Order
PILOT PROGRAM IN PIMA COUNTY)	No. 2017-116)
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By Administrative Order No. 2017-116, this Court established in the Superior Court in Pima County a pilot program for civil litigation known as the Fast Trial and Alternative Resolution Program (“FASTAR”). The term of the pilot was three years, beginning on November 1, 2017. An appendix to Administrative Order No. 2017-116 included rules for the pilot program.

On January 9, 2020, the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Pima County filed a rule petition, No. R-20-0012, requesting permanent adoption of the FASTAR rules with certain modifications. On June 1, 2020, Petitioner filed a Reply in R-20-0012 that requested the Court to defer action on that petition, and to instead extend the FASTAR pilot program in Pima County.

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

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The FASTAR pilot program in the Superior Court in Pima County is extended until December 31, 2021.
2. The FASTAR rules and forms previously approved by the Court remain effective during this extension;
3. Other provisions in Administrative Order No. 2017-116, to the extent they are not inconsistent with this Order, remain in effect for the duration of the pilot program.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Superior Court in Pima County and the Administrative Office of the Courts monitor the pilot program during its extended term and that they submit a progress report to the Arizona Judicial Council prior to the program’s December 31, 2021 expiration date.

Dated this 7th day of October, 2020.

FOR THE COURT:

ROBERT BRUTINEL
Chief Justice