

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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In the Matter of: )  
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SUCCESSION TO THE POSITION ) Administrative Order  
OF VICE CHIEF JUSTICE ) No. 2020 - 46  
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In accordance with Article VI, Section 3 of the Arizona Constitution, the positions of Chief Justice and Vice Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court are created and exercise administrative supervision over all the courts of the state.

WHEREAS the Vice Chief Justice exercises the court's administrative supervision over all the courts of the state in the absence or incapacity of the Chief Justice.

WHEREAS extraordinary situations may arise during which both the Chief Justice and Vice Chief Justice are unavailable due to incapacitation or death, it is necessary to assure continuity and clarity of succession in the office of the Vice Chief Justice.

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

IT IS ORDERED that if the Vice Chief Justice is unable to perform the duties of office due to death or incapacitation, the Justice with the longest continuous service on the Supreme Court is elected Vice Chief Justice and shall perform the Vice Chief Justice duties during the period of unavailability or until such time as the Court elects a new Vice Chief Justice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in the event that no Justice is able to perform the duties of the Vice Chief Justice office, the Administrative Director of the Courts shall call back a retired Justice to fulfill the duties until such time as the Court elects a new Vice Chief Justice.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2020.

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ROBERT BRUTINEL  
Chief Justice