

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
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NAVAJO COUNTY ACTION)
PRESIDING JUDGE EMERGENCY) Administrative Order
AUTHORITY) No. 2002 - 73
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On June 19, 2002, Jane Hull, the Governor of the State of Arizona declared a state of emergency in Navajo and Apache counties. This state of emergency was due to uncontrolled forest fires and consequent evacuation orders in that area of the state. In response, by Administrative Order 2002-58 of the chief justice, Navajo County Presiding Judge Gloria Kindig was authorized to adopt and suspend rules and orders and to take other action concerning court operations as necessary due to the emergency.

During the past seven days, as authorized, Judge Kindig has made tireless efforts to take all steps needed to assure the effective operation of the courts in Navajo county in light of the state of emergency. Due to Judge Kindig's need for well deserved rest and to address family matters, the associate presiding judge now needs emergency authority.

Now, therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Sections 3 and 5, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that the Honorable Dale Nielson, as acting presiding judge, is authorized to adopt, modify, or suspend rules and orders and to take other actions as necessary to continue to manage the court operations in the context of the continuing state of emergency in Navajo County.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that such emergency rules or orders shall be immediately provided to this Court.

Dated this 26 th day of June, 2002.

CHARLES E. JONES
Chief Justice