

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)	
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GREENLEE COUNTY JUSTICE)	Administrative Order
COURT #1 AND CLIFTON)	<u>No. 2006- 42</u>
MUNICIPAL COURT)	(Superseding Administrative
)	Order No. 97-11)
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Pursuant to the Constitution of Arizona, Article VI, the Supreme Court has administrative supervision over all courts of the state through its Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC).

Administrative Order No. 97-11 was issued on February 10, 1997, placing the Greenlee County Justice Court #1 under the administrative control of the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Greenlee County.

At the request of the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Greenlee County, following a reported possible theft of court monies by a court employee, the AOC conducted a review of the financial management practices in the Greenlee County Justice Court #1 and Clifton Municipal Court. As a result of the review, there appears to be significant financial and case processing concerns in both courts.

In addition, the Presiding Judge of the county reports that the long-time Justice of the Peace of the Greenlee County Justice Court #1 is retiring.

Now therefore, pursuant to Article VI of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that this Order supersedes Administrative Order No. 97-11.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that that administrative control and oversight of day-to-day operations of the Greenlee County Justice Court #1 and Clifton Municipal Court shall be assumed by the Honorable Monica Stauffer, Presiding Judge, Superior Court in Greenlee County. Administrative control includes control of all court records which shall be maintained on the premises of each court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that until such time as he retires, Judge Manuel Manuz is reassigned to perform only such duties as authorized by Judge Stauffer for either the Greenlee County Justice Court #1 or the Clifton Municipal Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Greenlee

County will ensure the continued operation of Greenlee County Justice Court #1 and the Clifton Municipal Court by appointing a pro tem or utilizing other judicial resources.

Dated this 5th day of May, 2006.

RUTH V. MCGREGOR
Chief Justice