## SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

## ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISION OF THE BULLHEAD CITY MUNICIPAL COURT

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Administrative Order No. 87-35

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution, the Supreme Court has administrative authority over all the courts of the state. This authority, which is exercised by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, may be delegated, as necessary and appropriate, to the presiding judges of the Superior Court in the respective counties in which each has been appointed. Specific authority to supervise justice of the peace courts in the various counties has previously been delegated to presiding judges in a Supreme Court administrative order dated June 30, 1980.

It has now come to the attention of the Chief Justice that certain irregularities may have occurred in the administration of the municipal court in Bullhead City; to wit, the possible search and seizure of court records by city police and the barring of the municipal judge and court employees from entering the court.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Honorable Leonard C. Langford, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Mohave County, is hereby authorized to exercise the Supreme Court's supervisory authority over the municipal court in Bullhead City, to prepare a report on the condition of the court, and to enter such judicial orders as may be needed to preserve court records, assure the proper operation of the court, and to maintain the independence of the judiciary.

THIS ORDER is effective the 17th day of September, 1987.

For the Court:

FRANK X. GORDON, JR. Chief Justice