



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
FLAGSTAFF JUSTICE COURT)
_____)

Administrative Order
No. 97- 44

The Supreme Court, having administrative supervision over all courts of the state pursuant to the Constitution of Arizona, Article VI, through its Administrative Office of the Courts periodically conducts reviews and audits of court operations.

Whereas, Supreme Court operational reviews of Flagstaff Justice Court have been completed in the past and a recent visit shows significant financial and records management problems; that the Presiding Judge of the county, Honorable H. Jeffrey Coker, has been advised of the preliminary findings and continued operational and administrative problems in the court, and Honorable James Sedillo has requested assistance from the county presiding judge.

IT IS NOW ORDERED as follows:

Judge H. Jeffrey Coker, presiding judge of the Superior Court in Coconino County, is ordered to ensure the Flagstaff Justice Court is operating properly.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that administrative control of the Flagstaff Justice Court shall be assumed by Judge Coker. Judge Coker shall take all steps necessary to implement and maintain proper justice court operations, including but not limited to supervision of the reconciliation of the justice court's financial and case records. Judge Coker may issue any order required to ensure the proper operation of the Flagstaff Justice Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to Judge Sedillo's request for assistance the day-to-day supervision of all staff of the Flagstaff Justice Court is assigned to Judge Coker or his designees.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, until further order of the Court, no person, other than Honorable H. Jeffrey Coker or his designees, shall remove from the premises of the Flagstaff Justice Court any paper or record of any type whatsoever for any reason whatsoever, nor shall any such paper or record be defaced, altered or destroyed wherever located. This order is intended to and does apply to all personnel of the Flagstaff Justice Court, including judges, the clerk, the deputy clerks, all employees of the court, county officials and any agents or representative of any of the foregoing named individuals.

DATED this 20th day of August, 1997.

THOMAS A. ZLAKET
Chief Justice