



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of: )  
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Paragraph Numbering of Opinions of the )  
Arizona Supreme Court and )  
Arizona Court of Appeals )  
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Administrative Order  
No. 97-67

On October 1, 1997, the Court granted in part the Amended Petition of the State Bar of Arizona proposing a system of uniform citation. The Court approved the paragraph numbering aspect of the State Bar proposal for all cases decided on or after January 1, 1998. In compliance with that decision,

IT IS ORDERED that every opinion, including opinion orders, issued for publication by an Arizona appellate court on or after January 1, 1998 shall include numbers assigned to each paragraph in accordance with the following procedures:

1. Each paragraph of text shall be numbered consecutively. When there are concurring or dissenting opinions, the paragraph numbering shall continue with consecutive paragraph numbers.
2. The following portions of an opinion do not constitute new paragraphs and therefore shall not be numbered:
  - a. Headings introducing sections of the text
  - b. Indented (blocked) text, including text quoted from other opinions, transcripts, exhibits, pleadings, or similar sources
  - c. Lists of cases, statutes, or issues
  - d. Text immediately following indented text, unless such text begins a new paragraph
  - e. Footnotes
  - f. Appendices or other attachments

3. If indented text is from a source that uses numbered paragraphs, the numbers from the original source shall not be included in the indented portion but in the citation only.

4. Each paragraph number shall be shown as, *e.g.*, “¶ 1” and placed at the left margin. The number shall be followed by a tab at the tenth character.

5. If additional text is inserted into an opinion after it is released, the new paragraph or paragraphs shall be numbered using the number of the paragraph immediately preceding the insertion and letters, *e.g.*, “¶ 1a.”

6. If one or more paragraphs are deleted from an opinion after it is released, the text shall be replaced with the statement “paragraph deleted” following the appropriate paragraph number.

7. If a supplemental opinion is issued and available for printing with the original opinion, the paragraph numbering in the original opinion shall be continued. If a supplemental opinion is issued but not available for printing with the original opinion, the numbering in the supplemental opinion shall begin with ¶ 1.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that every opinion, including opinion orders, issued for publication on or after January 1, 1998, if referring to specific portions or passages of Arizona appellate court opinions issued on or after January 1, 1998, shall employ the paragraph numbers in those opinions as the pinpoint citations; and pinpoint citations to a case reporter service shall be optional. In all other respects, the appellate courts’ citation practices are not affected by this order.

Dated this 5th day of December, 1997.

THOMAS A. ZLAKET  
Chief Justice