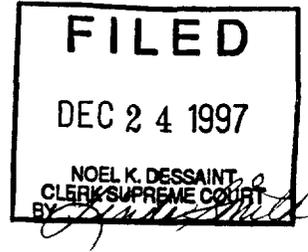


26 1997 IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA



In the Matter Of:

ELECTRONIC FILING OF)
SMALL CLAIMS ACTIONS IN)
PIMA COUNTY CONSOLIDATED)
JUSTICE COURTS, ON AN)
EXPERIMENTAL BASIS)
_____)

Administrative Order
No. 97- 71

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 22-284, "the presiding judge of the superior court may provide for the electronic filing of documents and electronic access to justice court records" and the collection of fees for said filing is permitted, pursuant to rules adopted by the supreme court.

The Presiding Justice of the Peace, with the approval of the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Pima County, has requested that, on a one-year experimental basis, the Pima County Consolidated Justice Court be given authority to accept the filing of small claims actions (including pleadings and payment of fees from litigants) via the Internet.

During the experimental period, Pima County Consolidated Justice Court will be required to submit a written interim report to the Commission on Technology at the end of the first six-month period and also required to submit their final report to the Arizona Judicial Council at its meeting in December 1998. The criteria for the collection of data will be stipulated and monitored by the Commission on Technology. At the end of the experimental period, the Arizona Judicial Council will assess the report of the collected data and forward a recommendation to the Court.

Now, therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that the Pima County Consolidated Justice Court is given the authority to accept the electronic filing of small claims actions (including pleadings and payment of fees from litigants) via the Internet.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Pima County Consolidated Justice Court will submit a written interim report to the Commission on Technology by July 1, 1998, and that they also be required to present their final report to the Arizona Judicial Council at its meeting in December 1998, for assessment and recommendation by the Council.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the criteria for the collection of data will be stipulated and monitored by the Commission on Technology.

Dated this 24th day of December, 1997.

THOMAS A. ZLAKET
Chief Justice