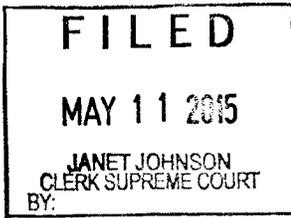


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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA**

Old Courthouse, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
125 W. Washington St.  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Norman J. Davis  
Presiding Judge

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May 7, 2015

Honorable Scott Bales  
Chief Justice  
Arizona Supreme Court  
1501 W. Washington  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: Request to Adopt Rule 2.23 of the Superior Court Local Rules of Practice –  
Maricopa County

Dear Chief Justice Bales,

Pursuant to Rule 83 of the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure, I request your approval to add Rule 2.23 to the Superior Court Local Rules of Practice – Maricopa County. The new rule was presented to, and approved by, the Maricopa County Superior Court judges on May 6, 2015.

As you know, the Superior Court has been upgrading its case management system. The opportunity exists to begin providing sentencing orders including the signature of the judge and other documents to the Arizona Department of Corrections through a secure electronic feed. Current statute and rule require the sentencing orders to be certified but there is no mechanism in rule or statute to certify records that are sent in bulk via electronic transmission. In at least one other jurisdiction, a rule was enacted to allow documents transmitted between the court and another government agency to be deemed certified. The requested local rule is similar in nature and enabling this electronic transfer would increase efficiency and reduce mistakes.

I appreciate your time in reviewing and approving this new rule for the Superior Court Local Rules of Practice – Maricopa County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Norman J. Davis".

Norman J. Davis  
Presiding Judge

cc: Ellen Crowley, Chief Staff Attorney

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT  
OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA,  
MARICOPA COUNTY**

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**ORDER ADOPTING RULE 2.23  
LOCAL RULES OF PRACTICE,  
MARICOPA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT**

A majority of the judges of the Maricopa County Superior Court having approved, pursuant to Rule 83, Ariz. R. Civ. Proc., the proposed amendment to the Maricopa County local court rules,

IT IS ORDERED adding Rule 2.23, Local Rules of Practice for the Maricopa County Superior Court, in accordance with the attachment hereto as Exhibits A, effective upon approval.

DATED in the City of Phoenix, Arizona, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.



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Norman J. Davis, Presiding Judge  
Maricopa County Superior Court

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Scott Bales, Chief Justice  
Arizona Supreme Court

## **Exhibit A**

### RULE 2.23. CERTIFICATION OF ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMITTED COURT RECORDS

WHEN THE SUPERIOR COURT IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE CERTIFIED COURT RECORDS TO A GOVERNMENT AGENCY BY STATUTE OR RULE, THE SUPERIOR COURT MAY SATISFY THE REQUIREMENT OF CERTIFIED COPIES BY ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMITTING TRUE AND CORRECT COPIES DIRECTLY TO THE GOVERNMENT AGENCY. THE DOCUMENTS RECEIVED ELECTRONICALLY FROM THE SUPERIOR COURT SHALL BE DEEMED CERTIFIED BY THE SUPERIOR COURT.