

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

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
CREATION OF JUDICIAL DISTRICTS) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
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) No. 2020-XX
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John Napper, Presiding Judge of Yavapai County, pursuant to the Local Rules of Practice for the Superior Court of Yavapai County, hereby reaffirms the establishment of the Prescott Judicial District and the Verde Valley Judicial District. The Prescott Judicial District encompasses all areas of Yavapai County except the area within the jurisdiction of the Verde Valley Justice Court Precinct. The Verde Valley District encompasses the area within the jurisdiction of the Verde Valley Justice Court. Cases shall be assigned to these Judicial Districts in compliance with Local Rules of Practice for the Yavapai County Superior Court.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED creating the Juvenile Justice Judicial District. The Juvenile Justice Judicial District encompasses the entirety of Yavapai County and shall be assigned the following juvenile cases: Delinquency Petitions, Dependency Petitions, Severance Petitions, and Adoption proceedings. Juvenile cases will be heard in both the Prescott and Verde Judicial Districts and will be assigned as follows:

- Delinquency Petitions will be heard in the Judicial District where the delinquent act occurred.
- Dependency Petitions will be heard in the Judicial District where the act leading to the filing of the Dependency occurred.

- Severance Petitions will be heard in the Judicial District encompassing the Petitioner's residence.
- Adoption proceedings will be heard in the Judicial District selected in the filing coversheet.

The Presiding Juvenile Judge shall have to the authority to transfer cases between the Prescott and Verde Judicial Districts in the interests of judicial economy after considering the factors listed in the Local Rules of Practice for Yavapai County Rule 3(C)(1)(2).

John D. Napper
Presiding Judge