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VIRGINIA TINNELL  
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MOHAVE

IN THE MATTER OF,

ALTERNATE SERVICE OF  
PROCESS ON PATIENTS IN  
MEDICAL OR PSYCHIATRIC CARE  
FACILITIES DURING THE COVID-  
19 PANDEMIC HEALTH CRISIS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
NO. 17

**WHEREAS**, Mohave County Superior Court is committed to combating COVID-19, protecting the health and safety of community members, court staff, county employees, attorneys, and contractors; and

**WHEREAS**, Mohave County Superior Court acknowledges that hospitals and care facilities are prohibiting public access to those facilities in an effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, Mohave County Superior Court is committed to protecting the rights of patients in Title 36 Mental Health Involuntary Commitment matters and in Title 14 Guardianship/Conservatorship matters while balancing the need to follow national, state, and local guidance and orders limiting public contact and encouraging social distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arizona Supreme Court encouraged the elimination of in-person contact to the extent possible in Administrative Order 2020-48; and

1       **WHEREAS**, the Arizona Supreme Court authorized the Presiding Superior  
2 Court Judge to adopt local rules and orders to address the current public health  
3 emergency to enable necessary court operations in Administrative Order 2020-  
4 48;

5       **IT IS ORDERED** that service of process on patients in medical or  
6 psychiatric care facilities be accomplished through electronic means to the  
7 greatest extent possible by transmitting the documents to be served on a patient  
8 to an administrator or designated recipient at the medical or psychiatric care  
9 facility for delivery directly to the patient. The serving party shall obtain  
10 confirmation of delivery on the patient. The Proof of Notice filed with the Court  
11 shall specify the date and manner of delivery on the patient;  
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13       **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that The Proof of Notice filed with the Court  
14 shall specify the date and manner of delivery on the patient.

15       DATED this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2020

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19 Honorable Charles W. Gurtler Jr., Presiding Judge  
20 Mohave County Superior Court  
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23       **Original filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court in Mohave County**  
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