IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:	)	
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APPOINTMENT OF	)	Administrative Order
INDEPENDENT BAR COUNSEL	)	No. 2023 - 120
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The Arizona Supreme Court ("Court") has jurisdiction over any person engaged in the practice of law within the State of Arizona, and all lawyers are subject to the disciplinary jurisdiction of this Court. Ariz. R. Sup. Ct. 31, 46-48. This Court previously delegated the duty to investigate and, when necessary, prosecute lawyer discipline matters to the State Bar of Arizona and its Lawyer Regulation Office. The Court established the position and Office of Independent Bar Counsel to handle matters in which the ability of the State Bar Lawyer Regulation Office to properly discharge its obligations under the Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona in connection with a matter may be compromised by a specified conflict of interest or may reasonably be questioned. Administrative Order No. 2018-20.

Therefore, pursuant to Article III and Article VI, Section 1 and 3 of the Arizona Constitution, and not withstanding Rule 31, Rules of the Supreme Court and other rules concerning admission to the Arizona Bar,

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

1. Retired Judge David Cunanan is appointed to serve as Independent Bar Counsel (IBC) effective July 18, 2023.

2. The IBC shall have all the power and authority granted to Bar Counsel and to the IBC pursuant to rules, orders, or decisions of the Arizona Supreme Court.

3. The confidentiality and immunity provisions of Supreme Court Rule 48(l) and (m) shall apply to duties performed by IBC Cunanan and lawyers designated to assist him under this order.

4. Meredith Vivona is authorized to continue as an IBC for a period of time necessary to ensure a smooth transition to IBC Cunanan.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the State Bar of Arizona shall pay reasonable fees, costs for services provided, and expenses incurred by the IBC as necessary to carry out the duties required by this order.

Dated this 6th day of July, 2023.

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ROBERT BRUTINEL
Chief Justice