

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

In the Matter of:)	
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WAIVER OF CHIEF PROBATION)	Administrative Directive
OFFICER MINIMUM HIRING)	No. 2020 - <u>14</u>
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE YUMA)	
COUNTY ADULT PROBATION)	
DEPARTMENT)	
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A.R.S. § 12-251(C) provides that “Probation department personnel shall qualify under minimum standards of experience and education established by the supreme court. Such standards may differ for counties of less than three-hundred-thousand persons from counties with three- hundred-thousand persons or more.” ACJA § 6-106(F)(1)(a)(b), Personnel Practices, states that chief probation officers must possess “At minimum, a master’s degree in business, management, the social sciences or a related field from an accredited college or university; and ten years’ experience in the fields of corrections or probation, or working with offenders or delinquents in some equivalent capacity with at least five years of progressively increasing responsibility in an administrative and supervisory capacity.” ACJA § 6-106(F)(2) provides that a presiding judge may request that the administrative director waive this requirement for good cause.

The Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Yuma County has requested a waiver of this requirement pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-251(C) and ACJA § 6-106(F)(2). Yuma County is a county of less than three-hundred-thousand persons and has identified the best candidate for chief probation officer who at this time does not meet the requirements regarding educational experience as stated in ACJA § 6-106(F)(1)(a). The waiver will provide the Yuma County Adult Probation Department the ability to promote an applicant chosen to the position of chief probation officer, contingent on meeting these requirements within a reasonable time.

Therefore, pursuant to ACJA § 6-106(F)(2),

IT IS DIRECTED that a waiver of ACJA § 6-106(F)(1)(a) is granted regarding the educational requirements allowing the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Yuma County to appoint Ryan “Mike” Byrd to the position of Yuma County Adult Chief Probation Officer.

Dated this 8th day of July 2020.

DAVID K. BYERS
Administrative Director of the Courts