

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

In the Matter of:)	
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SUSPENDING ARIZONA CODE OF)	Administrative Directive
JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION)	No. 2022 - <u>01</u>
PROBATION OFFICER TRAINING)	
REQUIREMENTS DUE TO A PUBLIC)	
HEALTH EMERGENCY)	
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Due to concern for the spread of COVID-19 in the general population, the Governor of the State of Arizona has declared a statewide emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303 and in accordance with A.R.S. § 26-301(15).

The Arizona Code of Judicial Administration (ACJA) contains numerous requirements. In Administrative Order No. 2020-45, the Chief Justice ordered that the Administrative Director “may suspend the requirements of any section of the Code of Judicial Administration if he determines that public health emergency measures significantly impair the ability to operate the program or the parties governed by that code section.”

Section 6-107 of the ACJA establishes the minimum standards for safety training for probation departments, which includes the requirements for firearms authorization. Specifically, ACJA § 6-107(G)(4) requires that an officer requesting firearms authorization complete and demonstrate proficiency in all courses of the defensive tactics training academy. However, the COVID-19 health emergency has limited the size and frequency of defensive tactics training academies, preventing probation officers from requesting authorization to be armed and attending the firearms training academy.

Therefore, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2020-45 and in the interest of the efficient administration of justice and good public service,

IT IS DIRECTED that during the public health emergency, if authorized by their Chief Probation Officer or Juvenile Court Director, a new probation officer may request firearms authorization and may attend the firearms training academy before, instead of after, completing and demonstrating proficiency in all courses of the defensive tactics training academy.

IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED that all other handgun authorization requirements of ACJA § 6-107 and ACJA § 6-113 remain unchanged, including that a new probation officer must demonstrate proficiency in all courses of the defensive tactics training academy before being granted authorization to carry a firearm while on duty, except during firearms training.

Dated this 14th day of January, 2022.

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