

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

In the Matter of:)	
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APPROVAL OF PROBATE FORMS)	Administrative Directive
1 THROUGH 4 (ORDERS TO)	No. 2022 - <u>02</u>
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This Court entered Order No. R-18-0044 on August 29, 2019. That Order abrogated what were then the current Arizona Rules of Probate Procedure and replaced them with a new set of rules that had been proposed by the Court’s Probate Rules Task Force. The effective date of the new rules was January 1, 2020. The Order also approved for posting on the Arizona Judicial Branch self-service website Forms 2-S and 10 through 15, as proposed by the Task Force. The Task Force did not, however, address other Probate Forms, specifically Forms 1 through 3, 3-M, and 4 through 9.

After the Probate Rules Task Force disbanded, work on forms that had not been addressed in the Court’s August 29, 2019 Order continued through a small working group. The working group has now recommended the following five forms (each showing a revision date of January 21, 2022) for approval:

- Form 1, Order to Personal Representative, AOCBPBPAFORM1F-012122
- Form 2, Order to Guardian of an Adult, AOCBPBPAFORM2F-012122
- Form 3, Order to Conservator of an Adult, AOCBPBPAFORM3F-012122
- Form 3-M, Order to Conservator of a Minor, AOCBPBPAFORM3MF-012122
- Form 4, Order to Guardian and Conservator of an Adult, AOCBPBPAFORM4F-012122

Arizona Code of Judicial Administration § 3-302(D)(5) permits the Administrative Director to approve technical changes to these forms “without prior Council approval, to increase ease of use and understandability, to correct errors, and to address other technical issues.” The proposed forms conform to the 2022 Probate Rules, add or correct references to rules and statutes, add helpful paragraph headings, and generally increase their understandability. Therefore,

IT IS DIRECTED approving revised Probate Forms 1, 2, 3, 3-M, and 4 for posting on the Arizona Judicial Branch self-service website to replace the current forms.

IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED that courts, attorneys, and parties may use the revised forms as soon as they are posted and must use the revised forms no later than July 1, 2022.

Dated this 4th day of February 2022.

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