IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:	)	
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MARICOPA MUNICIPAL COURT	)	Administrative Order
AND MARICOPA JUSTICE COURT	)	No. 2014 - 18
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An external financial review conducted by an independent auditing firm in December 2013 revealed that the co-located Maricopa Municipal Court and Maricopa Justice Court failed to make regular daily deposits, which resulted in the discovery of cash and checks in unsecured areas within the courthouse. Additionally, the state treasurer did not receive any monies from the municipal court for the months of November 2012, February 2013, and April through November 2013. Both courts are also delayed in the areas of disbursing bond and restitution payments, as well as processing mail-in and online payments.

Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2014-10 transferred administrative control of the Maricopa Municipal Court and Maricopa Justice Court to the Honorable Stephen McCarville, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Arizona in Pinal County, on January 9, 2014.

Since January 9, 2014, it has become clear that deficiencies in the Maricopa Municipal Court and Maricopa Justice Court are far worse than those reported in the December 2013 audit findings. Both courts' financial, recordkeeping, and case management systems have broken down, and the court ceased to properly function in several key areas. Judicial management and oversight by the Honorable Scott Sulley, Judge of Maricopa Municipal Court and Justice of the Peace in Maricopa Justice Court, have been problematic, and his temporary reassignment to other duties is needed to rebuild the court and restore its proper operations. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that Judge Scott Sulley is reassigned to duties, as determined by Judge Stephen McCarville, effective February 11, 2014, and until further notice. Unless authorized by Judge Stephen McCarville, Judge Scott Sully shall not perform judicial duties for either the Maricopa Municipal Court or Maricopa Justice Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Judge Stephen McCarville shall arrange for interim appointment of a judicial officer(s) for the Maricopa Municipal Court and the Maricopa Justice Court until such time as the existing financial, recordkeeping, and case management deficiencies can be addressed and staff trained to properly operate the court.

Dated this 10th day of February, 2014.

REBECCA WHITE BERCH
Chief Justice