IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:	)	
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EMPLOYMENT OF AN OFFICIAL REPORTER FOR THE SUPERIOR COURT IN MOHAVE COUNTY	)	Administrative Order No. 2016 - 35

The Superior Court in Mohave County recently identified a qualified candidate for an official court reporter position that has been open since November, 2015. As part of its hiring process, the court performs an employment criminal history check. This candidate applied to the Certification and Licensing Division of the Administrative Office of the Courts for initial certification. The Certification and Licensing Division reviewed this application and determined the candidate met all certification requirements under ACJA § 7-206. However, the Board of Certified Reporters is unable to complete the certification process until the results of a state and federal criminal records check are received. Time is of the essence in the employment of this candidate to help relieve the shortage of official court reporters in Mohave County.

Therefore, for good cause shown and pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that pending certification by the Board of Certified Reporters, Ms. Leah Armendariz is authorized to serve as an official reporter in the employment of the Superior Court in Mohave County, and pending certification by the Board is made subject to all professional and ethical responsibilities required of certified reporters by ACJA §7-206.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Armendariz's application for initial certification shall be considered by the Board of Certified Reporters at its next meeting following receipt of the state and federal records check results. If for any reason the Board decides to deny initial certification, this Order shall be revoked effective immediately.

Dated this 1st day of June, 2016.

SCOTT BALES
Chief Justice