

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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In the Matter of: )  
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AUTHORIZING A NEWS MEDIA ) Administrative Order  
FILE SHARE PORTAL ) No. 2021 - 110  
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Courthouse News Service has requested that this Court provide access to electronically filed non-confidential superior court general civil complaints when they are submitted to the court by attorneys. Currently the judicial branch does not offer a mechanism for accessing these documents at this stage in the filing process for the entire superior court. Rule 123(h)(3) of the Rules of the Supreme Court provides if a request to obtain copies of information held electronically requires programming, the requestor shall bear the actual cost incurred by the court to provide the records. Courthouse News Service has agreed to pay the development and maintenance costs for a statewide news media file share portal.

The Administrative Office of the Courts oversees the operation of the e-filing system, eFileAZ in the judicial branch. The eFileAZ software can be expanded to include the necessary functionality for the portal that Courthouse News Service is requesting.

Therefore, pursuant to Article VI, section 3 of the Arizona Constitution and Rule 123(h)(3) of the Rules of the Supreme Court,

IT IS ORDERED that the Administrative Office of the Courts is authorized to develop and manage a news media file share portal for providing remote immediate access to non-confidential general civil complaints submitted to the superior court electronically by attorneys.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Administrative Director is authorized to provide Courthouse News Service and other individuals and entities with access to the portal under terms and conditions to be determined by the Administrative Director.

DATED this 14th day of July, 2021.

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ROBERT BRUTINEL  
Chief Justice