

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
)
WAIVER OF PROBATION OFFICER) Administrative Order
MINIMUM HIRING REQUIREMENTS) No. 2021 - 78
FOR THE PINAL COUNTY ADULT)
PROBATION DEPARTMENT)

A.R.S. § 12-251(C) provides, “Probation department personnel shall qualify under minimum standards of experience and education established by the Supreme Court. Such standards may differ for counties of less than three hundred thousand persons from counties with three hundred thousand persons or more.” ACJA § 6-106(F)(3)(a), Personnel Practices, states that probation officers must possess “At minimum, a bachelor’s degree with a preference in the behavioral sciences or a related field from an accredited college or university.”

The Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Pinal County has requested a waiver of this requirement pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-251(C). Pinal County has a current employee whose degree completion has been impacted by the circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic and does not yet have the required probation officer educational experience as stated in ACJA § 6-106(F)(3)(a) for hire as a probation officer. The waiver will permit the Pinal County Probation Department to hire Sunni Rabago from the list of probation officer applicants to the position of probation officer, contingent on meeting these requirements within six months from the date of this Order.

Therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that a waiver of ACJA § 6-106(F)(3)(a) is granted for six months regarding the educational requirements allowing the Pinal County Adult Probation Department to appoint Sunni Rabago to the position of probation officer.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this waiver is effective on and after the date of signature.

Dated this 26th day of May, 2021.

ROBERT BRUTINEL
Chief Justice