

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
)
WAIVER OF PROBATION) Administrative Order
OFFICER MINIMUM HIRING) No. 2022 - 08
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE)
LA PAZ COUNTY PROBATION)
DEPARTMENT)
_____)

A.R.S. § 8-203(C) provides, “Probation department personnel shall qualify under minimum standards of experience and education established by the supreme court.” The Arizona Code of Judicial Administration (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 behavior sciences or a related field from an accredited college or university.”

The Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in La Paz County, the Honorable Jessica Quickle, has requested a waiver of this requirement. La Paz County has experienced a hardship in the ability to recruit probation officers who meet educational experience requirements as stated in ACJA § 6-106(F)(3)(a). La Paz County has identified a current juvenile probation department employee who does not have the required education for the probation officer position as stated in ACJA § 6-106(F)(3)(a). The waiver will permit the La Paz County Probation Department to hire Christina Hernandez for the position of juvenile probation officer, contingent on meeting these requirements within one year 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 regarding the educational requirements allowing the La Paz County Probation Department to hire Christina Hernandez to the position of probation officer.

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

Dated this 13th day of January, 2022.

ROBERT BRUTINEL
Chief Justice