

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
)
WAIVER OF PROBATION OFFICER) Administrative Order
MINIMUM HIRING REQUIREMENTS) No. 2022 - 128
FOR THE GREENLEE 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 behavior sciences or a related field from an accredited college or university."

The Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Greenlee County has requested a waiver of this requirement pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-251(C). Greenlee County is a county of less than three hundred thousand persons and has experienced a hardship in the ability to recruit deputy probation officers who meet the educational requirements as stated in ACJA § 6-106(F)(3)(a). Greenlee County has an otherwise qualified deputy probation officer candidate who is working toward the completion of bachelor's degree requirements next year. The waiver will permit the Greenlee County Adult Probation Department to hire Matthew Pearman to the position of probation officer, contingent on meeting bachelor's degree requirements by December 31, 2023.

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

IT IS ORDERED that a waiver of ACJA § 6-106(F)(3)(a) regarding the educational requirements is granted allowing the Greenlee County Adult Probation Department to appoint Matthew Pearman to the position of probation officer through December 31, 2023.

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

Dated this 18th day of October, 2022.

ROBERT BRUTINEL
Chief Justice