

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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In the Matter of:	)	
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RETURN TO NORMAL	)	Administrative Order
REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING	)	No. 2022 - <u>144</u>
RETURN RECEIPT SIGNATURES FOR	)	(Replacing Administrative
CERTIFIED OR REGISTERED MAIL	)	Order No. 2020-160)
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The United States Postal Service (USPS) temporarily changed the signature requirements associated with the delivery of certified and registered mail in response to the COVID-19 public health threat. Considering that action, Administrative Order No. 2020-160, issued on October 7, 2020, suspended requirements that a certified or registered mail return receipt be personally signed by the addressee to effectuate service of court process and instead deemed sufficient the postal employee's written indication.

USPS no longer reflects on its website the temporary change to its practices and has resumed obtaining signatures. For mail delivered on or after the issuance of this administrative order, the suspension is lifted and the normal requirements concerning return receipt signatures are restored.

Therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Sections 3 and 5, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED lifting the suspension and returning to the normal requirements that a certified or registered mail return receipt for service of any court process be personally signed by the addressee for mail delivered on or after issuance of this administrative order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a postal employee's written indication on the return receipt that signifies delivery to the address is sufficient to document effectuated service of process for mail delivered prior to issuance of this administrative order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order replaces Administrative Order No. 2020-160.

Dated this 8th day of November, 2022.

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ROBERT BRUTINEL  
Chief Justice