

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)	
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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TASK)	Administrative Order
FORCE ON ETHICS RULES)	No. 2022 - <u>22</u>
GOVERNING THE STATE ATTORNEY)	
GENERAL, COUNTY ATTORNEYS,)	
AND OTHER PUBLIC LAWYERS)	
_____)	

The state attorney general, county attorneys, and other public lawyers have unique roles and statutory responsibilities in the justice system. The current Arizona rules of ethics for attorneys might not adequately contemplate or address those unique roles and the potential conflicts of these public attorneys.

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

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. ESTABLISHMENT: The Task Force on Ethical Rules Governing the State Attorney General, County Attorneys, and Other Public Lawyers is established to determine if pertinent ethical rules for Arizona public lawyers should be modified.
2. PURPOSE: The Task Force shall:
 - a. Review the unique roles and responsibilities that the attorney general, county attorneys, and other public lawyers have in Arizona's justice system;
 - b. Describe what, if any, conflicts an attorney general, county attorney, or other public lawyer may have under the current ethics rules with regard to representation of their respective clients and their statutory duties;
 - c. Review examples of rules that other states have adopted to govern the conduct of similarly situated government officials;
 - d. If the Task Force determines that changes to the ethics rules are necessary, recommend amendments; and,
 - e. Submit a written report to the Arizona Judicial Council with the Task Force's findings and recommendations by December 2022.
3. MEMBERSHIP: The individuals listed in Appendix A are appointed as members of the Task Force for a term beginning on February 16, 2022. The Chief Justice may appoint additional members as may be necessary.

4. MEETINGS: Task Force meetings shall be scheduled at the discretion of the Chair. All meetings shall comply with the Arizona Code of Judicial Administration § 1-202: Public Meetings.
5. STAFF: The Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide staff for the Task Force and shall assist the Task Force in developing recommendations and preparing any necessary reports and filings.

Dated this 16th day of February, 2022.

ROBERT BRUTINEL
Chief Justice

Appendix A

Membership List

Task Force on Ethical Rules Governing the State Attorney General, County Attorneys, and Other Public Lawyers

Chair:

Justice William Montgomery
Arizona Supreme Court

Members:

Pat Sallen
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Jeff Kros
Arizona State Senate

Maret Vessella
Chief Bar Counsel, State Bar of Arizona

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Industry

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