

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)	
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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SPOUSAL)	Administrative Order
MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES)	No. 2022 - <u>83</u>
SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE FAMILY)	(affecting Administrative
COURT IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE)	Order 2019-115)
_____)	

The Supreme Court has been asked to establish guidelines for determining and awarding spousal maintenance. *See* S.B. 1383, Fifty-fifth Legislature, 2nd Regular Session, amending A.R.S. § 25-319(B). The Family Court Improvement Committee is a standing committee of the Arizona Judicial Council and was created by Administrative Order No. 2019-115 to assist in the development and implementation of policies designed to improve the quality of justice, access to family courts, and efficiency in court operations. Subcommittees may be established by the chairperson upon approval of the Chief Justice to help the committee carry out its responsibilities.

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

IT IS ORDERED that the Spousal Maintenance Guidelines Subcommittee is established as a subcommittee of the Family Court Improvement Committee to recommend statewide spousal maintenance guidelines:

1. Limited Purpose.

The Spousal Maintenance Guidelines Subcommittee (“Subcommittee”) shall base the guidelines and criteria for deviation from the guidelines on all relevant factors currently outlined in statute, considered together, and weighed in conjunction with each other.

2. Membership and Term.

The individuals listed on Appendix A are appointed as members of the Subcommittee beginning upon entry of this Order. The terms of the Subcommittee and the members shall expire at the conclusion of the project, scheduled for June 2023.

3. Meetings.

Subcommittee meetings shall be scheduled at the discretion of the Subcommittee Chairperson. Pursuant to Arizona Code of Judicial Administration § 1-202, all meetings shall comply with the public meeting policy of the Arizona Judicial Branch.

4. Administrative Support.

The Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide staff for the Subcommittee who may conduct or coordinate research as requested.

5. Reports.

The Family Court Improvement Committee shall submit a final report to the Arizona Judicial Council at the June 2023 meeting.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Spousal Maintenance Guidelines Subcommittee shall publish on the Arizona Judicial Branch internet and make accessible to the public all reports, a subcommittee membership list, and the effective date of the guidelines.

Dated this 20th day of July, 2022.

ROBERT BRUTINEL
Chief Justice

Appendix A
Membership List

Spousal Maintenance Guidelines Subcommittee

Chair

Judge Paul McMurdie
Court of Appeals, Division I

Members

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