IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:	)	
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CRIMINAL JURY TRIAL	)	Administrative Order
DOCUMENTARY PROJECT	)	No. 2022 - 84
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Arizona has long recognized the crucial role jurors play in our democracy. In all serious criminal cases, defendants are entitled to a trial by a jury, and many civil cases also include a right to a jury trial. Arizona continues to make efforts to recognize the importance of jury service and its role in promoting public trust and confidence in the judiciary. The Superior Court in Pima and Pinal Counties seek to participate in a jury filming project to highlight and educate citizens of the role of a jury in criminal cases, including deliberations.

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

IT IS ORDERED that judicial officers in the Arizona Superior Court in Pima and Pinal Counties hearing criminal matters are authorized to participate in the Criminal Jury Trial Documentary Project.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Presiding Judge of the Arizona Superior Court in Pima County and Pinal County may authorize filming of juror discussions and deliberations in selected criminal cases, provided that all parties, their attorneys, and jurors have executed a consent form approved by the Chief Justice that fully discloses the provisions and effects of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the materials and information collected, recorded, and filmed may be used only for the purposes of creating the documentary. The courts shall take all measures necessary to ensure confidentiality of said materials and information until the last case identified for the project has been tried to conclusion. All recordings must be stored using appropriate security measures. The materials collected for this project, including photographs, audio recordings, and visual recordings, shall not be subject to discovery or inspection by the parties or their attorneys, to use as evidence in any case, or for use on appeal.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Supreme Court Rule 122(k) is suspended as necessary for the filming of the documentary and only for the criminal cases selected to be a part of this project.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall apply to and affect only those cases and

trials selected for participation in this project. This Order shall terminate and have no further force or effect once the last case identified for the project has been tried to conclusion and the materials sought for the project have been collected.

Dated this 20th day of July, 2022.

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ROBERT BRUTINEL
Chief Justice