

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
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SOMERTON MUNICIPAL COURT) Administrative Order
) No. 2023 - 03
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Pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution, the Supreme Court exercises administrative supervision over all courts of the state through the Administrative Office of the Courts.

It has come to the Court's attention that the Somerton Municipal Court will be without a presiding judge as of January 16, 2023, and a successor has not been appointed by the Somerton City Council.

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

IT IS ORDERED that effective January 16, 2023, administrative control and oversight of day-to-day operations of the Somerton Municipal Court shall be assumed by the Honorable David M. Haws, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Arizona in Yuma County, and Judge Haws shall assign judicial officers as needed to conduct the court business. Judge Haws is also authorized to issue such orders as necessary for the court to operate properly.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall remain in effect until a successor assumes duties as presiding judge of the Somerton Municipal Court. Any cost associated with operating this court, including cost for judicial officers, shall be a city cost.

Dated this 11th day of January, 2023.

ROBERT BRUTINEL
Chief Justice