

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
)
DEFINING JUDICIAL BRANCH) Administrative Order
) No. 2023 - 133
GROUNDS FOR PURPOSES OF)
PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES BY)
COURT SECURITY OFFICERS)
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_____)

The Arizona Supreme Court uses certified court security officers to ensure the safety of judicial branch employees and facilities in accordance with Arizona Code of Judicial Administration, Section 5-302, and A.R.S. § 12-299.10. These authorities permit a certified court security officer to perform the officer’s duties “in a judicial branch facility, on judicial branch grounds or where a court is convening.” Neither authority defines with specificity the extent of “judicial branch grounds.” As safe ingress and egress to court facilities is necessary for proper operation of Arizona courts, the definition of “judicial branch grounds” necessarily includes areas needed to facilitate passage to and from designated parking areas and public transportation locations serving the judicial branch facility.

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

IT IS ORDERED that, for purposes of ACJA § 5-302 and A.R.S. § 12-299.10, “judicial branch grounds” includes the areas surrounding the judicial branch facility sufficient to allow for secure ingress and egress from any designated parking areas or public transportation locations.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the designated parking areas for the Arizona State Courts Building include (1) the parking garage and surface parking area at 1501 West Washington, Phoenix, (2) the parking structure west of 15th Avenue and south of the Department of Education building, (3) the parking structure west of 15th Avenue and north of the Arizona Department of Administration building, and (4) the surface parking area adjacent to the Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza. Public transportation locations include the bus stops near the Arizona State Courts Building on 15th Avenue, Jefferson, and Washington.

Dated this 16th day of August, 2023.

ROBERT BRUTINEL
Chief Justice