

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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In the Matter of:	)	
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AMENDING ARIZONA CODE OF	)	Administrative Order
JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION	)	No. 2023 - <u>174</u>
§ 5-301: COURT SECURITY	)	(Affecting Administrative
STANDARDS	)	Order No. 2020-01)
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Pursuant to the Arizona Code of Judicial Administration (ACJA) § 1-201(E), the Chief Justice may adopt technical changes in existing administrative code sections by administrative order without prior distribution for comment and action by the Arizona Judicial Council.

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

IT IS ORDERED that the amendments to ACJA § 5-301 as indicated on the attached document are adopted. All other provisions of § 5-301 remain unchanged and in effect.

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2023.

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ROBERT BRUTINEL  
Chief Justice

**ARIZONA CODE OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION**  
**Part 5: Court Operations**  
**Chapter 3: Court Security**  
**Section: 5-301: Court Security Standards**

**A. through C. [No change]**

**D. Governance and Administration.**

1. through 5. [No change]

6. Armed Persons in the Courthouse.

a. Court Security. The presiding judge of the county shall determine whether court security officers employed by superior courts and justice courts, including consolidated justice and municipal courts, may carry firearms in the courthouse for maintaining court security. The presiding judge of a municipal court shall determine whether court security officers employed by the court may carry firearms in the courthouse for maintaining court security. Armed court security officers shall meet the requirements established by the Director, the ACJA, and any applicable state or local laws. Policies on law enforcement officers carrying firearms in the courthouse are subject to A.R.S. §§ 38-1113 and ~~11-411~~11-441.

b. [No change]

**E. Entrances and Screening.**

1. and 2. [No change]

3. Signage.

a. and b. [No change]

c. Courts shall develop policies and procedures covering prohibited item identification, confiscation, chain of custody, safe handling, and disposition. Policies shall conform to the requirements of A.R.S. § 12-941 on the disposal of unclaimed property. Courts shall collect data on the types and number of prohibited items detected through entryway screening. Monthly reports reflecting data on prohibited items shall be made to the presiding judge or designee and made available to the Local SEPC and County ~~SPEC~~SEPC as needed.

d. [No change]

4. [No change]

**F. and G. [No change]**

## **H. Facilities and Security Equipment.**

1. Duress Alarms.
  - a. and b. [No change]
  - c. Training and Testing of Duress Alarms. Every employee working in an area of the courthouse equipped with duress alarms shall be shown the location of duress alarms and provided training on the policies and procedures on use of the alarms. Testing of duress alarms shall occur quarterly. Testing shall be documented and reported to the presiding judge or designee and made available to the Local SEPC and County ~~SPEC~~ SEPC as needed.
2. through 10. [No change]