

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
)
WAIVER OF PROBATION OFFICER)
MINIMUM HIRING REQUIREMENTS)
FOR THE YAVAPAI COUNTY ADULT)
PROBATION DEPARTMENT)
_____)

Administrative Order
No. 2023 - 18

A.R.S. § 12-251(C) provides, "Probation department personnel shall qualify under minimum standards of experience and education established by the Supreme Court. Such standards may differ for counties of less than three hundred thousand persons from counties with three hundred thousand persons or more." ACJA § 6-106(F)(3)(a), Personnel Practices, states that probation officers must possess "At minimum, a bachelor's degree with a preference in the behavior sciences or a related field from an accredited college or university."

The Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Yavapai County has requested a waiver of this requirement pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-251(C). Yavapai County has a current employee whose degree completion has been impacted by the current economic situation. As a result, she does not yet have the required probation officer educational experience as stated in ACJA § 6-106(F)(3)(a) for hire as a probation officer. The waiver will permit the Yavapai County Probation Department to hire Margarita Jacobo from the list of probation officer applicants to the position of probation officer, contingent on meeting these requirements within four months from the date of this order.

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

IT IS ORDERED that that a waiver of ACJA § 6-106(F)(3)(a) is granted regarding the educational requirements allowing the Yavapai County Adult Probation Department to appoint Margarita Jacobo to the position of probation officer.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that that this waiver is effective on and after the date of signature.

Dated this 18th day of January, 2023.

ROBERT BRUTINEL
Chief Justice