

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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In the Matter of: )  
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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TASK ) Administrative Order  
FORCE ON PRETRIAL RISK ) No. 2023 - 20  
ASSESSMENT AND FORM IV AND )  
APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS )  
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The Arizona Judicial Branch is committed to improving the use of evidence-based practices in determination of pretrial release and conditions of pretrial release to promote defendant accountability and community protection. For felony pretrial release determinations, Arizona courts have used the nationally-recognized Public Safety Assessment (PSA) instrument since 2015. The PSA provides judicial officers valuable information, which is to be considered in conjunction with other key factors, to determine the risk of flight and propensity for future violent crime on the part of pretrial defendants.

It is in the best interest of the justice system to evaluate the current use of the PSA and related processes and the statewide administration of the Supreme Court’s Form IV to determine if any improvements need to be made. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. ESTABLISHMENT: The Task Force on the Pretrial Risk Assessment and Form IV is established.
2. PURPOSE: The Task Force shall:
  - a. Evaluate the current use of the PSA instrument and Pretrial Form IV and determine if any improvements need to be made including:
    - i. Policies, procedures, and instructions related to the use of the PSA and Form IV
    - ii. If additional training is needed for all judicial officers conducting hearings for pretrial release determinations
    - iii. If additional training is needed for law enforcement officers in the use of the Form IV.
    - iv. Other system improvements
3. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS. The Task Force shall submit a report and recommendations to the Arizona Judicial Council no later than October 2023.

4. MEMBERSHIP: The individuals listed in Appendix A are appointed as members of the Task Force effective immediately and ending December 31, 2023. The Chief Justice may appoint additional members as necessary.
5. MEETINGS: Task Force meetings shall be scheduled at the discretion of the Chair. All meetings shall comply with the Arizona Code of Judicial Administration § 1-202: Public Meetings.
6. STAFF: The Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide staff for the Task Force and shall assist the Task Force in developing recommendations and preparing any necessary report and petitions.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2023.

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ROBERT BRUTINEL  
Chief Justice

Appendix A

**PRETRIAL SERVICES TASK FORCE**

*Chair*

**Dave Byers**

Administrative Director - AOC

*AOC Staff*

**Kristie L. Wooley**

Central Services Manager

**Kathy Sekardi**

Sr. Court Policy Analyst

*Members*

<b>Amy Bonney</b> Chief of Police Prescott Police Department	<b>Jerry Landau</b> Senior Consultant Arizona Supreme Court - AOC
<b>Shanda Breed</b> Division Director, AOC Adult Probation	<b>Mary Walsh-Navarro</b> Division Manager, Pretrial Services Superior Court in Coconino County
<b>Dean Brault</b> Director of Public Defense Services Pima County	<b>Jane McLaughlin</b> Initial Appearance Commissioner Superior Court in Maricopa County
<b>Domingo Corona</b> Director, Pretrial Services Superior Court in Pima County	<b>Honorable Ron Reinstein</b> Judge Arizona Supreme Court, AOC
<b>Zach Dal Pra</b> Principal, Justice System Partners Public Member	<b>David Rhodes</b> Sheriff Yavapai County Sheriff's Office
<b>Sean Donegan</b> Deputy Director Arizona Peace Officer Standards & Training Board (AZPOST)	<b>Honorable Anthony Riojas, Jr.</b> Magistrate Tucson Municipal Court
<b>Nicole Garcia</b> Criminal Department Administrator Superior Court in Maricopa County	<b>Honorable Joshua Steinlage</b> Judge Superior Court in Coconino County

<b>Brandelyn Jackson</b> Chief of Pre-Disposition and Administrative Services Adult Probation – Victims Services Division	<b>Anthony Vasquez</b> Assistant Chief of Police Phoenix Police Department
<b>Jason Kalish</b> Division Chief Maricopa County Attorney’s Office	<b>Kenneth N. Vick</b> Special Assistant to the Chief Deputy Maricopa County Attorney’s Office
<b>Gary Kula</b> Director Maricopa Public Defender Office	