

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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In the Matter of: )  
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WAIVER OF PROBATION OFFICER ) Administrative Order  
MINIMUM HIRING REQUIREMENTS ) No. 2023 - 23  
FOR THE NAVAJO COUNTY ADULT )  
PROBATION DEPARTMENT )  
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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 Navajo County has requested a waiver of this requirement pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-251(C). Navajo County has a current employee whose degree completion has been impacted by the current economic situation. As a result, he 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 Navajo County Probation Department to hire Myron Perkins from the list of probation officer applicants to the position of probation officer, contingent on meeting these requirements within eighteen months from the date of this order.

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

IT IS ORDERED that a waiver of ACJA § 6-106(F)(3)(a) is granted regarding the educational requirements allowing the Navajo County Adult Probation Department to appoint Myron Perkins 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 1st day of February, 2023.

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ROBERT BRUTINEL  
Chief Justice