

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
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WICKENBURG MUNICIPAL COURT) Administrative Order
) No. 2023 - 39
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Pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution, the Supreme Court exercises administrative supervision over all courts of the state through the Administrative Office of the Courts.

It has come to the Court's attention that the Wickenburg Municipal Court is without a presiding judge and a successor has not yet been appointed by the Wickenburg City Council.

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

IT IS ORDERED that effective March 8, 2023, administrative control and oversight of day-to-day operations of the Wickenburg Municipal Court shall be assumed by the Honorable Joseph C. Welty, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County, and Judge Welty shall assign judicial officers as needed to conduct the court business. Judge Welty is also authorized to issue such orders as necessary for the court to operate properly.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order shall remain in effect until a successor assumes duties as Presiding Judge of the Wickenburg Municipal Court. Any cost associated with operating this court, including costs for judicial officers, shall be a municipal cost.

Dated this 8th day of March, 2023.

ROBERT BRUTINEL
Chief Justice