

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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

Administrative Order
No. 2023 - 80

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 "[a]t 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 Cochise County has requested a waiver of this requirement pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-251(C). The waiver will permit the Cochise County Probation Department to hire the following probation officer applicant to the position of probation officer: Morgan Merrick

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 Cochise County Adult Probation Department to appoint Morgan Merrick to the position of probation officer.

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

Dated this 3rd day of May, 2023.

ROBERT BRUTINEL
Chief Justice