

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 THE ARIZONA ) No. 2025 - 157  
RULES FOR COURT-ORDERED )  
MENTAL HEALTH PROCEEDINGS )  
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In June 2025, a draft set of Rules for Court-Ordered Mental Health Proceedings was presented to Chief Justice Ann Timmer and the July meeting of the Superior Court Presiding Judges, seeking support for submission of a rule petition to establish this new set of procedural rules.

Consensus being that a new rule set for civil Court-Ordered Mental Health Proceedings was supported, it was determined further refinement and review of the draft rule set would be beneficial prior to submission of a rule petition to the Court.

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

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. ESTABLISHMENT: The Task Force on the Arizona Rules for Court-Ordered Mental Health Proceedings is hereby established.
2. PURPOSE: The Task Force will review the draft Rules for Court-Ordered Mental Health Proceedings, assure that they conform with restyling conventions used in other recent rule restyling projects, and draft additional changes to the draft Rules necessary to effectively operationalize the rules.

The Task Force will file a rule petition proposing its revisions and amendments to the Supreme Court Rules at its earliest opportunity, but no later than January 10, 2026.

3. MEMBERSHIP: The individuals listed in Appendix A are appointed as members of the Task Force for a term beginning upon entry of this Order and ending on December 31, 2026. The Chief Justice may appoint additional members as may be necessary.
4. WORKGROUPS: The Chair may establish workgroups to undertake a review of particular rules and to then make recommendations regarding those rules to

the full Task Force. Workgroups may be comprised of Task Force members as well as persons who are not Task Force members but who could provide special expertise in the various subject areas of these rules. The Chair or a workgroup leader may informally request non-members to participate in a workgroup, and formal appointments are not required.

5. MEETINGS: Task Force meetings will be scheduled at the discretion of the Chair. All Task Force meetings, except workgroup meetings, must comply with the Arizona Code of Judicial Administration § 1-202: Public Meetings.
6. STAFF: The Administrative Office of the Courts will provide staff for the Task Force and will assist the Task Force in developing a rule petition, review of comments, and any reply necessary.

Dated this 20th day of August, 2025.

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ANN A. SCOTT TIMMER  
Chief Justice

## APPENDIX A

### Membership List

#### Task Force on the Arizona Rules for Court-Ordered Mental Health Proceedings

##### Chair

Hon. Jay Polk  
Superior Court in Maricopa County

##### Members

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