

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
)
WAIVER OF CHIEF PROBATION) Administrative Order
OFFICER MINIMUM HIRING) No. 2025 - 200
REQUIREMENTS FOR SANTA CRUZ)
COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT)
_____)

A.R.S. § 12-251(C) provides, "Probation department personnel shall qualify under minimum standards of experience and education established by the Supreme Court." ACJA § 6-106(F)(1)(a), states that chief adult probation officers must possess "[a]t minimum, a master's degree in business, management, the social sciences or a related field from an accredited college or university."

The Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Santa Cruz County has requested a waiver of this requirement pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-251(C). The waiver will permit the Presiding Judge of Santa Cruz County to appoint the following applicant to the position of Chief Probation Officer: Berenice Arellano.

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

IT IS ORDERED that that a waiver of ACJA § 6-106(F)(1)(a) is granted regarding the educational requirements allowing the Presiding Judge of Santa Cruz County to appoint Berenice Arellano to the position of Chief Probation Officer.

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

Dated this 26th day of November, 2025.

ANN A. SCOTT TIMMER
Chief Justice