

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
)
WAIVER OF PROBATION OFFICER) Administrative Order
MINIMUM HIRING REQUIREMENTS) No. 2025 - 206
FOR THE GILA 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. 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 behavioral sciences or a related field from an accredited college or university."

The Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Gila County has requested a waiver of this requirement pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-251(C). The waiver will permit the Gila County Probation Department to hire the following applicant to the position of juvenile probation officer: Tina Rittenhouse.

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 Gila County Probation Department to appoint Tina Rittenhouse to the position of juvenile probation officer.

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

Dated this 28th day of November, 2025.

ANN A. SCOTT TIMMER
Chief Justice