

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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In the Matter of: )  
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EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF THE ) Administrative Order  
CAPITAL CASE OVERSIGHT ) No. 2025- 234  
COMMITTEE ) (Amending Administrative  
 ) Order No. 2022-05)  
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On December 6, 2007, this Court entered Administrative Order No. 2007-92, which established the Capital Case Oversight Committee (“CCOC”). The purposes of this Committee included monitoring and facilitating efforts to reduce the number of capital cases in the Maricopa County Superior Court, which had reached a crisis level in 2007.

By a series of subsequent administrative orders, this Court extended the Oversight Committee’s term. These orders also expanded the Committee’s scope to include capital case issues of statewide concern. Most recently, Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2022-05 extended the term of the Capital Case Oversight Committee’s to December 31, 2025.

The December 2025 Oversight Committee Report to the Arizona Judicial Council indicated that there has been a significant reduction in the number of pending capital cases in Maricopa County and statewide over the years since the Committee was established. However, the 2025 report cited reasons to continue the Oversight Committee and recommended that the Court again extend its term. After due consideration of the Oversight Committee’s recommendation,

Now, therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that the term of the Capital Case Oversight Committee is extended to December 31, 2029, as follows:

1. **Purpose.** The Oversight Committee shall continue to identify issues affecting the administration of capital cases and propose recommendations to improve the judicial administration of these cases.

2. **Membership.** The Chair and individuals listed in Appendix A are reappointed as members of the Oversight Committee beginning upon entry of this Order and ending on December 31, 2029. The Chief Justice may appoint additional members to the Oversight Committee, or replace a representative, as may be necessary or appropriate. The Chair may establish, and designate members and non-members for, advisory subcommittees and workgroups to help the Oversight Committee fulfill its responsibilities.

3. **Meetings.** The Oversight Committee shall meet only as needed and as the Chair deems appropriate. All meetings shall comply with the public meeting policy of the Arizona Judicial Branch, Arizona Code of Judicial Administration § 1-202.

4. **Reports.** The Committee shall submit an annual report at the December 2029 meeting of the Arizona Judicial Council, or sooner if the Chair deems it appropriate.

5. **Administrative Support.** The Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide administrative support and staff for the Committee, who may, as feasible, conduct or coordinate research as requested by the Committee.

Dated this 30th day of December, 2025.

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ANN A. SCOTT TIMMER  
Chief Justice

## **Appendix A: Members of the Capital Case Oversight Committee**

Hon. Ronald Reinstein (ret.), Chair  
Administrative Office of the Courts

Ms. Amy Armstrong  
Arizona Capital Representation Project

Mr. John Canby  
Office of the Maricopa County Public Defender

Hon. Kent E. Cattani  
Arizona Court of Appeals

Ms. Raquel Centeno-Fequiere  
Maricopa County Office of the Legal Defender

Hon. Lacey Stover Gard  
Arizona Court of Appeals, Division Two

Mr. Tim Geiger  
Arizona Supreme Court Staff Attorneys' Office

Hon. Jennifer E. Green  
Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County

Hon. Kellie Johnson  
Superior Court of Arizona in Pima County

Mr. Patrick Johnson  
Pinal County Attorney's Office

Mr. Dan Levey  
Arizona Crime Victims Law Group

Mr. Jason Lewis  
Office of the Arizona Attorney General

Ms. Rosemarie Peña-Lynch  
Maricopa County Office of Public Defense Services

Ms. Kirsten Valenzuela  
Maricopa County Attorney's Office