IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:	)	
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PINETOP LAKESIDE JUSTICE COURT	)	Administrative Order
	)	No. 2026 - 03
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Pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution, the Supreme Court exercises administrative supervision over all courts of the state through the Administrative Office of the Courts.

It has come to the Court's attention that the Pinetop Lakeside Justice Court will be without a presiding judge as of January 17, 2026.

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

IT IS ORDERED that administrative control and oversight of day-to-day operations of the Pinetop Lakeside Justice Court shall be assumed by the Honorable Michala Ruechel, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Arizona in Navajo County, and Judge Ruechel shall assign judicial officers as needed to conduct the court business. Judge Ruechel is also authorized to issue such orders as necessary for the court to operate properly.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall remain in effect until a successor assumes duties as presiding judge of the Pinetop Lakeside Justice Court. Any cost associated with operating this court, including cost for judicial officers, shall be a county cost.

Dated this 7th day of January, 2026.

ANN A. SCOTT TIMMER
Chief Justice