

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
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EXCEPTION TO PROHIBITION OF) Administrative Order
TIKTOK ON COURT DEVICES) No. 2026 - 35
) (affecting Administrative Order
) No. 2023-66)
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_____)

Due to concerns of cybersecurity risks, this Court entered Administrative Order No. 2023-66 on April 12, 2023, prohibiting the use or installation of social media platform TikTok on any device owned, leased, or operated by an Arizona court. The Order provided that an exception may be sought by submitting a written request to the Chief Justice through the Administrative Director detailing (1) the need for the exception, including the intended use of TikTok; (2) measures that will be taken to mitigate cybersecurity risks posed by its use; and (3) the length of time the exception is needed.

The Judicial Branch Administrator of the Judicial Branch of Arizona in Maricopa County has requested an exception to the prohibition against using or installing TikTok on Arizona court devices. The purpose of the exception is to allow officers assigned to the Threat Assessment Group (TAG) of the Judicial Branch Security Department (JBSD) to monitor TikTok and investigate threats and inappropriate communications directed at Judicial Officers and staff.

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

IT IS ORDERED granting the Judicial Branch of Arizona in Maricopa County an exception for JBSD officers to use and install TikTok on Arizona court devices for the sole purpose of monitoring and investigating threats and inappropriate communications directed at Judicial Officers and staff. This exception is limited exclusively to the JBSD officers assigned to TAG, and only while they are fulling their investigative functions in their capacity as TAG officers.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this exception is granted for one year from the date of this Order, with the opportunity for the Judicial Branch of Arizona in Maricopa County to request additional exceptions in the future.

Dated this 18th day of March, 2026.

ANN A. SCOTT TIMMER
Chief Justice