

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:

AJO JUSTICE COURT

Administrative Order
No. 2026 – 96
(Rescinding Administrative Order
No. 2025-207)

On December 3, 2025, this Court entered Administrative Order No. 2025-207 establishing administrative control and oversight of the day-to-day operations of the Ajo Justice Court with the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Pima County.

Since that administrative order, the Superior Court has provided staff in the Ajo Justice Court with additional training to ensure proper case processing. The Court has also made needed improvements to the Ajo Justice Court's technology and facility. Personnel changes also occurred. Consequently, this Court is satisfied that the Justice of the Peace in Ajo can effectively resume administrative control and oversight of court operations.

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

IT IS ORDERED rescinding Administrative Order No. 2025-207.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Justice of the Peace in Ajo continues to regularly communicate and work with the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Pima County to address the Ajo Court's needs and obligations. At a minimum, the communication must include advance notification of the following:

1. Any closing of the courthouse during normal business hours;
2. Any judicial absences; and
3. Any assistance needed for staff training or court operations.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the provisions of Administrative Order Nos. 2017-79 and 2024-220, related to the responsibility of the Presiding Judge of the county to provide general supervision over all the courts in Pima County and duties of non-consolidated court Justices of the Peace, continue to apply.

Dated this 9th day of July, 2026.

ANN A. SCOTT TIMMER
Chief Justice