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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PINAL

**AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.)
2023-00024 RE: THE IMPLEMENTATION OF)
DIGITAL EVIDENCE IN CRIMINAL CASES)**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

No. 2023-00 036

WHEREAS, the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Arizona in and for Pinal County is the Chief Judicial Executive Officer of the County and has administrative supervision over all courts in Pinal County pursuant to Article VI, Section 11 of the Arizona Constitution and Arizona Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2017-79; and

WHEREAS, a goal in the Arizona Supreme Court's Strategic Agenda for Arizona's Courts, *Justice for the Future*, is Promoting Judicial Branch Excellence and Innovation. Because of the increase in digital evidence, and the need to be able to store, retrieve, and display digital evidence in the future, a statewide web-based digital evidence portal was created; and

WHEREAS, the Digital Evidence Portal has been implemented in all criminal divisions on June 1, 2023.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, during the implementation phase, permitting parties to continue to use physical exhibits, including documents and photos, during in court proceedings with the following requirements:

1. If a party appears at a hearing that requires the use of digital evidence, with any exhibit(s) that has not been previously uploaded using the digital evidence portal, the Court shall take a recess long enough to allow the party to submit the exhibit(s) by uploading the evidence.
2. If a party has a physical exhibit that cannot be uploaded into the digital evidence portal, e.g. firearms, drugs, the party shall upload a placeholder, naming the physical object it is representing.
3. The physical exhibits used during in-court proceedings will not be marked by the clerk. The parties must ensure the numbering of their in-court exhibits matches the numbering of exhibits in the Digital Evidence portal.

4. The clerk will stamp the exhibits in the portal, as those will be considered the official record of the court.

This administrative order is effective immediately.

DATED this 5 day of June 2023.



Honorable Jason R. Holmberg,
Criminal Presiding Judge



Honorable Joseph R. Georgini,
Presiding Judge



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