

SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

MATTHEW PHILLIP WRIGHT,) Arizona Supreme Court
) No. CV-20-0227-SA
 Petitioner,)
) Mohave County
 v.) Superior Court
) No. S8015CR201800983
 HON. DEREK CARLISLE, JUDGE)
 OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE)
 STATE OF ARIZONA and HON. BILLY)
 K. SIPE, JR., COMMISSIONER OF) **FILED: 09/18/2020**
 THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE)
 OF ARIZONA, in and for the)
 County of Mohave,)
)
 Respondent Judges,)
)
 STATE OF ARIZONA and MATTHEW J.)
 SMITH, Mohave County Attorney,)
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 Real Parties in Interest.)
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DECISION ORDER

The Court has considered the Petition for Special Action, Appendix, Response, and Reply.

We accept jurisdiction of the Special Action, deny relief as to Issue #1, and grant relief as to Issue #2. Administrative Order No. 2020-79, suspending peremptory changes of judge under Rule 10.2, Rules of Criminal Procedure, is not intended to deny a defendant a change of judge under the circumstances otherwise permitted pursuant to Rule 17.4(g).

IT IS ORDERED remanding to the superior court for proceedings consistent with this decision.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED lifting the stay imposed by the Court's prior order.

DATED this 18TH day of September, 2020.

_____/s/_____
ROBERT BRUTINEL
Chief Justice

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