

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

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In the Matter of: )  
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WAIVER OF CHIEF PROBATION ) Administrative Directive  
OFFICER MINIMUM HIRING ) No. 2012 - 01  
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GRAHAM )  
COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT )  
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A.R.S. § 12-251(C) provides that “Probation department personnel shall qualify under minimum standards of experience and education established by the supreme court. Such standards may differ for counties of less than three hundred thousand persons from counties with three hundred thousand persons or more.” ACJA § 6-106(F)(1)(a), Personnel Practices, states that chief probation officers must possess “At minimum, a master’s degree in business, management, the social sciences or a related field from an accredited college or university.” ACJA § 6-106(F)(2) provides that a presiding judge may request that the administrative director waive this requirement for good cause.

The Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Graham County has requested a waiver of this requirement pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-251(C). Graham County is a county of less than three hundred thousand persons and has identified a hardship in the ability to recruit a chief probation officer who meets requirements regarding educational experience as stated in ACJA § 6-106(F)(1)(a). The waiver will provide the Graham County Probation Department the ability to appoint a current staff member to the position of chief probation officer.

Now, therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that a waiver of ACJA § 6-106(F)(1)(a) is granted regarding the educational requirements allowing the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Graham County to appoint Mr. Joshua Halversen to the position of Graham County Chief Probation Officer.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this waiver is effective on and after the date of signature.

Dated this 11th day of June, 2012.

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Mike Baumstark  
Deputy Administrative Director