

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. 2018 - <u>01</u>
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NAVAJO	)	
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: Personnel Practices, specifically ACJA § 6-106(F)(1)(a), 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 in a county with a population of fewer than 300,000, and having good cause, may request a waiver of the requirement for a chief adult probation officer and director of juvenile court services from the administrative director.”

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-251(C) and ACJA § 6-106(F)(2), the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Navajo County has requested a waiver of this educational requirement. Navajo 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 Navajo County Probation Department the ability to promote an applicant chosen to the position of chief probation officer, contingent on meeting these requirements within a reasonable time.

Therefore, pursuant to ACJA § 6-106(F)(2),

IT IS DIRECTED 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 Navajo County to appoint Jason Cash to the position of Navajo County Chief Probation Officer.

Dated this 5th day of February, 2018.

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