

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 DIRECTOR OF JUVENILE	)	Administrative Directive
COURT SERVICES MINIMUM HIRING	)	No. 2019 - <u>04</u>
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE YAVAPAI	)	
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 and directors of juvenile court services 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 Yavapai County has requested a waiver of this educational requirement. Yavapai County is a county of less than three hundred thousand persons and has chosen an applicant who does not meet the educational requirement as stated in ACJA § 6-106(F)(1)(a). This applicant has extensive experience in the Yavapai juvenile justice system. This request is substituting the years of service and extensive knowledge of the juvenile justice system in place of the required education. The waiver will provide the Yavapai County Probation Department the ability to promote this applicant to the position of director of juvenile court services.

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 Yavapai County to appoint Gay Lockling to the position of Yavapai County Director of Juvenile Court Services.

Dated this 18th day of April 2019.

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