IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:	)	
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MARICOPA MUNICIPAL COURT AND	)	Administrative Order
MARICOPA JUSTICE COURT	)	No. 2014 - 10
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An external financial review conducted by an independent auditing firm in December 2013, revealed that the co-located Maricopa Municipal Court and Maricopa Justice Court failed to make regular daily deposits, which resulted in the discovery of cash and checks in unsecured areas within the courthouse. Additionally, the State Treasurer did not receive any monies from the municipal court for the months of November 2012, February 2013, and April through November 2013. Both courts also delayed disbursing bond and restitution payments and processing mail-in and online payments.

Therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that the Honorable Stephen F. McCarville, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Pinal County, shall assume administrative control and oversight of the day-to-day operations of the Maricopa Municipal Court and the Maricopa Justice Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Judge McCarville may issue such orders as may be required to correct deficiencies and ensure the proper and independent operations of the Maricopa Municipal Court and the Maricopa Justice Court. In addition to control of the day-to-day operations, administrative control shall also include control of all court records.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no paper or electronic records of the Maricopa Municipal Court or the Maricopa Justice Court shall be altered or destroyed without authorization of Judge McCarville or his designee, consistent with the document retention policies of the Arizona Supreme Court.

Dated this 9th day of January, 2014.

REBECCA WHITE BERCH
Chief Justice