

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
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ASSIGNMENT OF CASES IN) Administrative Order
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY) No. 2014 - 67
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_____)

The office of presiding judge of the Superior Court in Santa Cruz County became vacant on June 7, 2014, with the resignation of Presiding Judge James Soto, who became a judge of the United States District Court for the District of Arizona.

Rule 42(f) of the Civil Rules of Procedure, Rule 92 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, and Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2005-32 give the presiding judge general administrative authority to make regular and special assignments of all judges and cases.

Rule 93 of the Rules of the Supreme Court requires the court administrator, under the direction of the presiding judge, to “assign all motions, pretrials, trials, and other matters for disposition” and to “coordinate with the clerk of the court to accomplish the prompt and orderly disposition of the business of the court.”

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

IT IS ORDERED that until this Court selects the next presiding superior court judge for Santa Cruz County,

1. All cases in which a change of judge is necessary shall be referred to the superior court administrator of the county.
2. The superior court administrator shall assign cases, on a rotating basis, to the other superior court judge or judges pro tempore of the county available to handle cases.
3. The clerk of the superior court shall assist the superior court administrator by sending notices, appointment letters, and calendaring information, as necessary, to carry out the provisions of this administrative order.

Dated this 17th day of June, 2014.

REBECCA WHITE BERCH
Chief Justice