

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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In the Matter of:

ACCESS TO PROTECTIVE ORDER	)	
CASE FILES BY ARIZONA STATE	)	Administrative Order
UNIVERSITY FOR RESEARCH	)	No. 2015 - <u>103</u>
PURPOSES	)	
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Arizona State University (ASU) has submitted a formal proposal for research entitled *Investigating the Impacts of Institutional and Contextual Factors on Protection Order Decision-Making* (the study). This research is funded by the National Institute of Justice, Researcher-Practitioner Partnership Program, and will be a collaborative partnership between ASU, Mesa Municipal Court, and the National Center for State Courts. The Administrative Office of the Courts has accepted this proposal and will enter into an agreement with ASU entitled *Research Data Sharing Agreement* (Agreement). Under the Agreement, ASU will compile information taken from recent protective order case files in several municipal courts to be designated by the Administrative Director (the participating courts), which will include some documents that are closed to the public or protected as confidential by court rule or state statute.

Therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Sections 3 and 5, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that the participating courts are authorized to provide copies of protective order case files to ASU for purposes of the study, including files that are closed to the public by A.R.S. § 13-3602(C)(1), Rule 1(C), Rules of Protective Order Procedure, and Rule 123(d)(3), Rules of the Supreme Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the participating courts are authorized to retain case files that would otherwise be subject to mandatory destruction under ACJA § 4-302 for the period of time needed to provide copies to ASU for the study.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that ASU shall secure all case file copies received for the study from public access and shall not copy or use the documents for research not authorized by the Agreement. ASU shall not include personal identifiers or any information which may be used to identify a specific party in its final report and shall promptly destroy all physical or digital case file copies once they are no longer needed for the study.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015.

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SCOTT BALES  
Chief Justice