

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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In the Matter of: )  
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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ) Administrative Order  
TASK FORCE ON THE ARIZONA ) No. 2017 - 133  
RULES OF PROBATE PROCEDURE )  
AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS )  
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This Court’s Strategic Agenda, *Advancing Justice Together: Courts and Communities*, includes the review of certain Arizona court rules to restyle, simplify, and clarify the rules. This Court has recently adopted restyled Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure, Rules of Evidence, Justice Court Rules of Civil Procedure, Rules of Protective Order Procedure, Rules of Civil Procedure, and Rules of Criminal Procedure.

The current set of the Arizona Rules of Probate Procedure were adopted with an effective date of January 1, 2009. Although they have been amended at various times since their adoption, a comprehensive review of those rules would now be beneficial.

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

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. ESTABLISHMENT: The Task Force on the Arizona Rules of Probate Procedure is established.
2. PURPOSE: The Task Force shall review the Arizona Rules of Probate Procedure to identify possible changes to conform to modern usage and to clarify and simplify language. The Task Force shall seek input from various interested persons and entities with the goal of submitting a rule petition by January 10, 2019, with respect to any proposed rule changes.
3. MEMBERSHIP: The individuals listed in Appendix A are appointed as members of the Task Force for a term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2019. The Chief Justice may appoint additional members as may be necessary.
4. MEETINGS: Task Force meetings shall be scheduled at the discretion of the Chair. All meetings shall comply with the Arizona Code of Judicial Administration § 1-202: Public Meetings.

5. STAFF: The Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide staff for the Task Force and shall assist the Task Force in developing recommendations and preparing any necessary reports and petitions.

Dated this 20th day of December, 2017.

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SCOTT BALES  
Chief Justice

**Membership List**  
**Task Force on the Arizona Rules of Probate Procedure**

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