IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:	)	
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FIDUCIARY LICENSE APPLICANT	)	Administrative Order
EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS	)	No. 2017 - 38
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Pursuant to A.R.S. § 14-5651 and ACJA § 7-202, the Supreme Court established certain minimum fiduciary licensing requirements, including education and experience, applicants must have prior to licensure. The experience required is dependent on whether the applicant has a high school degree or equivalent, a four-year college bachelor's degree, or a law degree from an ABA accredited school and is a licensed member of a Bar.

The Yavapai County Public Fiduciaries Office (Office) has informed the Administrative Office of the Courts that the Office is having difficulty hiring licensed fiduciaries who meet the minimum education and experience requirements. The Office wants to place a current employee, Katheryn Blair, into a licensed fiduciary position.

Fiduciary license applicant Ms. Blair attended college, but prior to completion of her degree, enrolled in an ABA accredited law school from which she graduated in 2005. Ms. Blair did not become a licensed attorney. Pursuant to ACJA § 7-202(E), Ms. Blair does not meet either the four-year college degree requirement or the law degree and licensed to practice provisions of the code. Ms. Blair's only qualifying education is her high school diploma.

Although Ms. Blair has not obtained a four-year bachelor's degree, this Court finds good cause to approve substituting Ms. Blair's doctorate from an ABA accredited law school for the bachelor's degree requirements of ACJA § 7-202(E).

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

IT IS ORDERED that Ms. Blair's doctorate from an ABA accredited law school is approved as a substitute for the four-year degree requirements of ACJA § 7-202(E).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Blair must satisfy all other requirements for licensure prior to being licensed.

Dated this 12th day of April, 2017.

SCOTT BALES
Chief Justice