

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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In the Matter of: )  
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WINKELMAN MUNICIPAL COURT ) Administrative Order  
 ) No. 2019 - 30  
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The Administrative Office of the Courts recently conducted a court operational review of the Winkelman Municipal Court. This review found significant record keeping and case processing deficiencies in the court's operations.

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

IT IS ORDERED that administrative control and oversight of the day-to-day operations of the Winkelman Municipal Court shall be assumed by the Honorable Timothy Wright, Presiding Judge of the Arizona Superior Court in Gila County. Judge Wright shall assign judicial officers and administrative resources as needed to conduct the court business.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Judge Wright is authorized to issue such orders as necessary to ensure the continued and appropriate operation of the Winkelman Municipal Court. Any cost associate with operating this court, including cost for judicial officers, shall be a town cost.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that until further notice, Judge Adeline Martinez is reassigned to perform only such duties as authorized by the Presiding Superior Court Judge in Gila County.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no paper or electronic records of the Winkelman Municipal Court shall be removed from the court premises, altered or destroyed without authorization of the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Gila County or designee, consistent with the document retention policies of the Arizona Supreme Court.

Dated this 15th day of March, 2019.

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SCOTT BALES  
Chief Justice