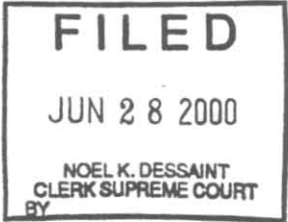


IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA



Temporary Certification of Court Reporters)

Administrative Order
No. 2000 - 38

Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 32, Chapter 40, specifies that the Board of Certified Court Reporters will recommend and the Supreme Court will adopt rules to implement and enforce the statutory provisions regulating the certification and conduct of court reporters. Accordingly, on December 8, 1999, the Court adopted Rule 5, Court Reporter Temporary Certification Rule, Administrative Order No. 99-72. The order specified that court reporters must apply for certification by March 31, 2000 and that after June 30, 2000, these persons may not serve as court reporters unless they are in compliance with the approved Rule.

In accordance with these provisions, court reporters have applied for, and the Board of Certified Court Reporters has granted temporary certification to those individuals who meet the certification criteria. However, there are some individuals who have applied for certification but whose criminal background check will not be completed by the Federal Bureau of Investigations by June 30, 2000. Court reporting is integrally related to the prompt, effective and impartial operation of the judicial system and it is necessary to ensure that there is an adequate pool of court reporters.

Now, therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution and Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 32, Chapter 40,

IT IS ORDERED that the Board of Certified Court Reporters may issue provisional temporary certificates to court reporters who applied for certification during the period of April 1, 2000 through June 26, 2000 at 5:00 p.m. and who, to the satisfaction of the Board, have shown good cause as to why their application was not filed timely. These applicants must also have met all requirements for certification except for completion of the criminal background check, provided they have submitted a signed and notarized statement attesting they have not been arrested, charged, indicted, convicted of or pled guilty to any felony or misdemeanor, except as disclosed in their application. Upon completion of the criminal background check the Board shall review the application and either grant the individual a temporary certificate or deny certification, in accordance with the Court Reporter Temporary Certification Rule.

Dated this 28th day of June, 2000.

CHARLES E. JONES
Vice Chief Justice