

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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In the Matter of: )  
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TEMPORARY CERTIFICATION OF )  
COURT REPORTERS )  
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Administrative Order  
No. 2000- 62

Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 32, Chapter 40, specifies 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, because of administrative delays, the criminal background check has not been completed by the Federal Bureau of Investigations. Court reporting is integrally related to the prompt, effective and impartial operation of the judicial system and it is necessary to ensure 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 the Board of Certified Court Reporters may issue provisional temporary certificates to court reporters whose application for temporary certification has been significantly delayed due to administrative difficulties. The applicant must have met all requirements for temporary certification except for completion of the criminal background check, and 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 2nd day of October, 2000.

~~FOR THE COURT:~~

THOMAS A. ZLAKET  
Chief Justice