

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
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PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATION OF) Administrative Order
COURT REPORTERS) No. 2000 - 90
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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 may apply for certification and that after June 30, 2000, individuals may not serve as court reporters in Arizona courts, nor prepare transcripts for use in any Arizona court unless they are in compliance with the approved Rule.

As part of the application, individuals are required to submit a fingerprint card. This card is then submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigations for a criminal background check and the information received is considered by the Board when deciding whether to grant an individual a certificate. However, because of the time frames involved in receiving criminal background information from the Federal Bureau of Investigations, a significant period of time may elapse between an individual applying for and the Board granting a temporary certificate. This time frame may cause courts difficulty in recruiting and hiring court reporters and may otherwise affect timely case processing. 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 that the Board of Certified Court Reporters may issue provisional temporary certificates, on a case by case basis, to court reporters who have applied for certification. These applicants must have met all requirements for certification except for completion of the criminal background check, provided that they have signed a 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 20th day of December, 2000.

THOMAS A. ZLAKET
Chief Justice

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As part of her application, Bonnie Eggers submitted a fingerprint card. This card has been submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigations for a criminal background check and the Board will consider this information when it is received. In the interim, however, the Superior Court in Maricopa County wishes to hire Ms. Eggers as an official court reporter. A significant period of time may elapse before the information from the Federal Bureau of Investigations is received and this may result in the Superior Court being unable to hire Ms. Eggers. 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 that the Board of Certified Court Reporters may issue a provisional temporary certificate to Ms. Bonnie Eggers. Ms. Eggers must have met all requirements for certification except for completion of the criminal background check and provided a signed, notarized statement attesting she has not been arrested, charged, indicted, convicted of or pled guilty to any felony or misdemeanor, except as disclosed in her application. Upon completion of the criminal background check, the Board shall review Ms. Eggers' application and either grant her a temporary certificate or deny certification, in accordance with the Court Reporter Temporary Certification Rule.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2000.

THOMAS A. ZLAKET
Chief Justice