

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
)
GLENDALE MUNICIPAL COURT) Administrative Order
) No. 2001- 2001-96
_____)

The Supreme Court, having administrative supervision over all courts of the state pursuant to the Constitution of Arizona, Article VI, through its Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), periodically conducts reviews and audits of court operations.

Whereas, an operational review of the Glendale Municipal Court was conducted by the AOC in May 1995, which identified numerous deficiencies in the operational and administrative functions of the court,

Whereas, the AOC is currently conducting another operational review of the Glendale Municipal Court and its preliminary findings indicate that many of the operational and administrative problems identified in the 1995 review still exist and new, equally serious operational problems have been identified,

Whereas, ongoing operational deficiencies, including lack of adequate case processing controls to ensure all tickets filed with the court are properly handled, resulted in the arrest of and charges filed against one of the court clerks for alleged traffic ticket fixing; and

Whereas, the orderly operations of the Glendale Municipal Court are important to the citizens it serves and to maintaining public trust and confidence in the Arizona Judicial Branch,

IT IS ORDERED that until further order of the Court, administrative control and oversight of day to day operations of the Glendale Municipal Court shall be assumed by the Honorable Colin F. Campbell, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Maricopa County, or his designee,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Honorable Jean L. Baxter, Presiding Judge of the Glendale Municipal Court shall develop a corrective action plan to address operational problems identified by the AOC during its review and submit the plan to Judge Campbell for his approval,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Presiding Judge Campbell may issue such orders concerning the administration of the court as may be required to ensure the on-going and proper operations of the Glendale Municipal Court.

DATED this 96 day of August 2001.

CHARLES E. JONES
Vice Chief Justice