

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
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NAVAJO COUNTY COURT)
EMERGENCY AUTHORITY)
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Administrative Order
No. 2002 - 58

On June 19, 2002, Jane Hull, the Governor of the State of Arizona declared a state of emergency in Navajo and Apache counties. This state of emergency was due to uncontrolled forest fires and consequent evacuation orders in that area of the state. Navajo County courts and litigants may be faced with time delays, problems with filing and processing of documents and case information, and compliance with other court rules due to court closures and other disruptions during this state of emergency. It is necessary to delegate to the presiding judge of the Superior Court in Navajo County sufficient authority to effectively administer the courts in response to this state of emergency.

Now, therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Sections 3 and 5, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED, nunc pro tunc, effective June 19, 2002, that the Honorable Gloria Kindig, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Navajo County is authorized to adopt and suspend rules and orders as necessary to address the current state of emergency and to take any action concerning court operations that the circumstances require. The presiding judge shall also have the authority to modify existing orders regarding probation supervision and any other probation matters as circumstances require.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that such emergency rules or orders shall be immediately provided this Court.

Dated this 20th day of June, 2002.

CHARLES E. JONES
Chief Justice