

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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In the Matter of: )  
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APPROVAL OF AN ASSOCIATE )  
PRESIDING JUDGE IN THE SUPERIOR )  
COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA )  
IN AND FOR GILA COUNTY )  
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Administrative Order  
No. 2002- 71

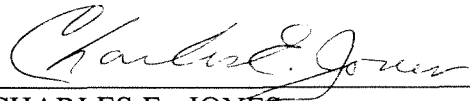
Pursuant to Rule I(4) of the Uniform Rules of Practice of the Superior Court of Arizona, and Administrative Rule V-A III(B)(4) of Administrative Order No. 96-32, the presiding judge in each county shall appoint with the approval of the Supreme Court an associate presiding judge to act during the absence or unavailability of the presiding judge.

On May 31, 2002, by Administrative Order No. RD 2002-0002 of the Superior Court in Gila County, the Honorable Robert Duber II, Presiding Judge, appointed the Honorable James W. Hazel, Jr. as Associate Presiding Judge.

Now, therefore, in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Rules of Practice and Administrative Rule V-A cited herein,

IT IS ORDERED that the Court hereby approves the appointment of the Honorable James W. Hazel, Jr. as Associate Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Gila County and, in accordance with Rule I(7)(b), he shall serve at the pleasure of the presiding judge and exercise and discharge all powers and duties of the presiding judge, except that he may not appoint court commissioners or appoint judges permanently to special assignments.

DATED this 26th day of June, 2002.

  
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CHARLES E. JONES  
Chief Justice