

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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In the Matter of: )  
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Implementation of the Arizona Lengthy ) Administrative Order  
Trial Fund (A.R.S. §§12-115 & 21-222) ) No. 2003 - 100  
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Pursuant to Laws 2003, Chapter 200, sections 1 and 3, the Arizona Supreme Court is authorized to establish a fee on superior court filings to fund the Arizona Lengthy Trial Fund and to designate that the additional fees not be imposed in cases that require minimal use of court resources or in which the opportunity for trial by jury is not afforded.

Now, therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that the following is adopted to implement the Arizona Lengthy Trial Fund:

A. Fee Administration

Administration of the Lengthy Trial Fund shall be under the direction of the Supreme Court's Administrative Office of the Courts. The Administrative Director of the Courts, or the Administrative Director's designee, is authorized to:

1. Recommend to the Court modifications to the amount of the filing fee or the filings to which it applies to prevent shortages or excessive accumulations of monies in the fund,
2. Submit an annual report to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee on the amount of monies collected and disbursed from the fund and the number of jurors who received monies from the fund, as required by A.R.S. § 21-222(E), and
3. Expend not more than 3 percent of the monies in the fund for reasonable and necessary costs of administering the fund, as permitted by A.R.S. § 21-222(B).

B. Lengthy Trial Fund Filing Fee

The Lengthy Trial Fund filing fee authorized by A.R.S. § 12-115 shall be in the amount of \$15.00 and shall be collected on the following superior court filings:

1. Civil complaints
2. Answers to civil complaints
3. Motions to intervene in civil cases

This fee shall be imposed on all the above filings made on and after January 1, 2004. The additional fee may be deferred or waived pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 12-302 and -304.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2003.

FOR THE COURT

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CHARLES E. JONES  
Chief Justice