

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
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PUBLIC ACCESS TO SELECT) Administrative Order
COMMITTEE REPORT CONCERNING) No. 2003-101
"JACKIE DOE")
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_____)

In October 1999, Governor Jane Dee Hull, Attorney General Janet Napolitano, and Chief Justice Thomas A. Zlaket appointed Christopher Skelly, Alan Matheson, and Barbara Polk as a select fact-finding committee for the limited purpose of examining on their behalf the policies and procedures followed by various non-adjudicative state officials and employees in dealing with a delinquent/dependent juvenile known as "Jackie Doe" (see Superior Court in Maricopa County File # JD7161 and JV 142954, Court of Appeals # 1CA-SA-99-0190 and Supreme Court #CV-99-0343SA).

To enable the Committee to perform its work, the Chief Justice issued Administrative Order No. 99-66 authorizing the Committee to have access to confidential and sealed juvenile information and records. It was ordered that the records and information used by the committee remain confidential for all other purposes and to all other persons as required by law, or as otherwise ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction. The Committee was ordered to report the results of its examination and make recommendations for changes in laws, roles, policies and procedures only to the Governor, the Attorney General, Chief Justice and the State Foster Care Review Board for use in the performance of their respective duties. All personally identifying information was to remain confidential except by further order of this court.

In August 2003, the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) received a citizen request for a copy of the select committee report. Staff of the AOC and the Attorney General's Office reviewed the report and redacted information contained in the report that is confidential pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-807 and Rule 19 of the Rules of Procedure for the Juvenile Court.

Now therefore, pursuant to the Supreme Court's administrative supervisory authority (Arizona Constitution Article 6, § 3) over all of the courts of the state, including probation and foster care review functions, and pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-807, Rule 123 of the Rules of the Supreme Court and Rule 19 of the Rules of Procedure for the Juvenile Court,

IT IS ORDERED that a copy of the Report of the Select Committee to Review the "Jackie Doe" Case with redactions required by A.R.S. § 8-807 and Rule 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Juvenile Court shall be released to any citizen who requests a copy of this report.

Dated this 18th day of November, 2003.

CHARLES E. JONES
Chief Justice