

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
)
SUCCESSION TO THE POSITION) Administrative Order
OF VICE CHIEF JUSTICE) No. 2003-107
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_____)

In accordance with Article VI, Section 3 of the Arizona Constitution, the positions of Chief Justice and Vice Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court are created and exercise administrative supervision over all the courts of the state.

WHEREAS the Vice Chief Justice exercises the court's administrative supervision over all the courts of the state in the absence or incapacity of the Chief Justice.

WHEREAS extraordinary situations may arise during which both the Chief Justice and Vice Chief Justice are unavailable due to incapacitation or death, it is necessary to assure continuity and clarity of succession in the office of the Vice Chief Justice.

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

IT IS ORDERED that in the event that the Vice Chief Justice is unable to perform the duties of office due to death or incapacitation, the remaining Justice longest in continuous service on the Supreme Court is hereby elected Vice Chief Justice and shall perform the Vice Chief Justice duties during the period of unavailability or until such time as the Court elects a new Vice Chief Justice.

Dated this 1st day of December, 2003.

CHARLES E. JONES, Chief Justice

RUTH V. MCGREGOR, Vice Chief Justice

REBECCA WHITE BERCH, Justice

MICHAEL D. RYAN, Justice

ANDREW D. HURWITZ, Justice