

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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NOEL K. DESSAINT
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In the Matter of:)
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DOUGLAS JUSTICE COURT)
DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL COURT)
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Administrative Order
No. 2003- 30

The Supreme Court, having administrative supervision over all courts of the state pursuant to Article 6 the Constitution of Arizona, Article VI, periodically conducts reviews and audits of court operations.

Administrative Orders No. 99-50 and No. 99-51 on September 9, 1999, placed all books and records of the Douglas Justice and Municipal Courts in the possession of Judge Stephen M. Desens, the Presiding Judge of Superior Court in Cochise County, or his designee. It was further ordered that the administrative control of the courts be assumed by Judge Desens.

Administrative Order No. 2000-23 on March 15, 2000, ordered possession of the books and records of the Douglas Justice and Municipal Courts be returned to the Douglas Justice Court and the Douglas Municipal Court respectively. Further ordered was that the Administrative Director of the Courts, or his designee(s), make periodic visits to the Courts to ensure the proper and independent operation of the Courts and that administrative control of the Courts remain with Judge Stephen M. Desens or his designee.

It is the desire of the Supreme Court to return administrative control of the Douglas Justice Court to the Douglas Justice of the Peace and return administrative control of the Douglas Municipal Court to the Douglas Magistrate in light of these courts correction of deficiencies identified in the performance review. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that the Administrative Director of the Courts is no longer required to make periodic visits to the Douglas Justice and Douglas Municipal Courts.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Judge Stephen M. Desens or his designee immediately return administrative control of the Douglas Justice Court to the Douglas Justice of the Peace and return administrative control of the Douglas Municipal Court to the Douglas Magistrate.

Dated this 20th day of March, 2003.

CHARLES E. JONES
Chief Justice