IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
)
WAIVER OF PROBATION OFFICER)
MINIMUM HIRING REQUIREMENTS)
FOR THE GREENLEE COUNTY ADULT)
PROBATION DEPARTMENT)
)

Administrative Order No. 2007 - 20

A.R.S. § 12-251(C) provides, "Probation department personnel shall qualify under minimum standards of experience and education established by the supreme court. Such standards may differ for counties of less than three hundred thousand persons from counties with three hundred thousand persons or more." ACJA § 6-106 (F)(3)(a), Personnel Practices, states that probation officers must possess "at minimum, a bachelor's degree with a preference in the behavioral sciences or a related field from an accredited college or university."

The Presiding Judge of Greenlee County has requested a waiver of this requirement pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-251(C). Greenlee County is a county of less than three hundred thousand persons and has identified a hardship in the ability to recruit probation officers who meet requirements regarding educational experience as stated in ACJA § 6-106 (F)(3)(a). The waiver will provide the Greenlee County Adult Probation Department the ability to promote a current staff member to the position of probation officer.

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

IT IS ORDERED that a waiver of ACJA § 6-106(F)(3)(a) is granted regarding the educational requirements allowing the Greenlee County Adult Chief Probation Officer to reassign Julia D. Galusky to the position of probation officer.

Dated this 2nd day of March, 2007.

RUTH V. MCGREGOR Chief Justice