

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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In the Matter of: )  
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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CRIMINAL ) Administrative Order  
RULES VIDEO-CONFERENCE ) No. 2008 - 92  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE )  
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A petition to amend Rule 1.6 of the Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure was filed on September 25, 2006. The revised rule proposed by this petition, number R-06-0016, would provide for appearances by defendants via video-conferencing for initial appearances, arraignments, and other criminal court proceedings. During the established comment period, comments were received concerning this petition which raised a variety of legal, technical, and other issues. At the September 8, 2008, rules agenda, this Court continued this petition, and directed the Administrative Office of the Courts to work with the Staff Attorneys' Office to establish a committee to further study the issues and to provide recommendations to this Court.

In accordance with the Arizona Code of Judicial Administration § 1-104, the chief justice may establish advisory committees to the Arizona Judicial Council to assist the Council in carrying out its responsibilities. Therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that the Criminal Rules Video-Conference Advisory Committee is established as follows:

1. **Purpose.** Given the serious fiscal crisis that exists and the potential cost savings and judicial efficiencies that potentially could be achieved by the use of video appearances, the Committee, acting as an advisory committee to the Arizona Judicial Council, shall:
  - Make recommendations for the appropriate use of video appearances taking into account the legal concerns raised during the comment period.
  - Recommend what technical issues need to be addressed to effectively implement video appearances.
  - Recommend the types of proceedings for which video-conferencing could be utilized; and
  - Make any other recommendations concerning rules of procedure for video-conferencing.

2. **Membership.** The membership is attached as Appendix A. The chief justice may appoint additional members as needed or desired. Terms of the Committee members shall expire on December 31, 2009.

3. **Meetings.** Committee meetings may be scheduled, cancelled, or moved at the discretion of the Committee chair. All meetings shall comply with the public meeting policy of the Arizona Judicial Branch, Arizona Code of Judicial Administration § 1-202.

4. **Report.** Given the urgent fiscal calamity, the Committee shall submit a report to the Arizona Judicial Council in June 2009, or sooner, if possible.

5. **Administrative Support.** The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) shall provide administrative support and staff for the Committee who may as feasible conduct or coordinate research as requested by the Committee.

Dated this 12th day of November, 2008.

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RUTH V. MCGREGOR  
Chief Justice

Attachment: Appendix A

## Appendix A

### Criminal Rules Video-Conference Advisory Committee

#### *Chair*

Hon. Antonio Riojas, Chair  
Presiding Judge, Tucson City Court

#### *Members*

Kent Batty  
Court Administrator  
Superior Court in Pima County

Amelia Cramer  
Chief Deputy  
Pima County Attorney's Office

Hon. Gary Donahoe  
Judge  
Superior Court in Maricopa County

Hon. Samuel Goodman  
Justice of the Peace  
San Tan Justice Court (Maricopa County)

Robert Hirsh  
Public Defender  
Pima County

Capt. Charles Johnson  
Representative  
Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Bob James  
Criminal Court Administrator  
Superior Court in Maricopa County

Capt. Rodney Mayhew  
Support Services Commander  
Pima County Sheriff's Office

Jeremy Mussman  
Deputy Director  
Maricopa County Public Defender

Deborah Schaefer  
Court Administrator  
Superior Court in Yavapai County

Hon. K.C. Stanford  
Commissioner  
Superior Court in Pima County

Terry Stewart  
Director of Administrative Services  
Maricopa County Justice Courts

Sally Wells  
Chief Deputy  
Maricopa County Attorney's Office

*Staff: Patience Huntwork, Staff Attorney, Arizona Supreme Court  
Mark Meltzer, Court Services Division, AOC*

