

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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In the Matter of: )  
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EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF THE ) Administrative Order  
CAPITAL CASE OVERSIGHT ) No. 2008 - 93  
COMMITTEE ) (Amending Administrative  
 ) Order No. 2007-92)  
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On December 6, 2007, Administrative Order No. 2007-92 was entered establishing the Capital Case Oversight Committee. The purpose of this advisory Committee was to study and recommend measures to facilitate capital case reduction efforts; to make recommendations for adequate notice to the Supreme Court to assist the Court in making the necessary modifications to its staffing levels and judicial assignments to ensure the timely processing of appeals; and to develop recommendations for any formal policies as deemed necessary.

The November 2008, Joint Report of the Oversight Committee and the Maricopa County Superior Court has been received and reviewed by the Arizona Judicial Council. The Oversight Committee has requested an extension of its term to address issues arising from the increasing volume of capital cases, and to refine a recommendation concerning mitigation discovery conferences. After due consideration of these requests,

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

IT IS ORDERED that the term of the Capital Case Oversight Committee is extended to December 31, 2009, as follows:

1. **Purpose.** The Committee shall continue with its duties, as set forth in Administrative Order No. 2007-92, and in addition, shall:

- Report its findings and recommendations concerning the use of mitigation discovery conferences for capital cases in Maricopa County; and
- Study and make recommendations, as needed, concerning the reasonableness of the time limit for capital cases established by Ariz. R. Crim. P., Rule 8.2(a)(4), and issues related thereto.

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. **Reports.** The Committee shall submit a progress report to the Arizona Judicial Council in December, 2009.

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

Dated this 26th day of November, 2008.

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RUTH V. MCGREGOR  
Chief Justice

Attachment: Appendix A

**Appendix A**  
**Capital Case Oversight Committee**  
**Membership**

Hon. Michael D. Ryan, Chair  
Arizona Supreme Court

Hon. Gary Donahoe  
Presiding Criminal Judge  
Superior Court in Maricopa County

Hon. Ronald Reinstein  
Retired Judge  
Superior Court in Maricopa County

Kent Cattani  
Chief Counsel, Capital Litigation  
Arizona Attorney General

Donna Hallam  
Staff Attorney  
Arizona Supreme Court

Dan Levey  
Advisor to the Governor for Victims

Marty Lieberman  
Director, Arizona State Capital  
Post-Conviction Defender's Office

James Logan  
Director, Maricopa County  
Office of Public Defender Services

Phil J. MacDonnell  
Chief Deputy  
Maricopa County Attorney

Paul Prato  
Attorney Manager  
Maricopa County Public Defender