

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN RE STATISTICAL REPORTS)
FOR JUSTICE COURTS AND)
CITY MAGISTRATE COURTS.)

ORDER

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CLIFFORD W. WARD
CLERK SUPREME COURT
BY

Under the authority contained in Article VI,
Section 3 of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that all Justices of the Peace and
City Magistrates in the State of Arizona are authorized to
dismiss any pending action in which there has been no
activity for a period of one year preceding the date of
this Order, and extending to December 20, 1977, provided
that prior to said dismissal, ten days written notice by
regular mail be sent to all parties in the action at their
last known addresses advising them of the Court's intention
to dismiss the action for lack of prosecution on a date
certain unless judgment is entered or a written request
for a trial date is filed, or appropriate action is taken.

The foregoing authority to dismiss actions pursuant
to this Order shall expire on January 1, 1978.

FURTHER ORDERED that each Justice of the Peace and
City Magistrate in the State of Arizona shall submit monthly
statistical reports to the Administrative Director of the
Courts, on forms approved by him, by the 10th day of each
month. Additional statistical, financial and informational
reports shall be submitted to the Administrative Director of
the Courts as directed.

FURTHER ORDERED that each Justice of the Peace and
City Magistrate shall cause to be conducted and completed

by December 31, 1977, an inventory of all cases pending in their respective courts. The inventory shall not include cases filed prior to January 1, 1967, and such pending cases, if any, shall not be reported in the Pending First of Month category on the monthly statistical report for January, 1978. The pending case figures computed as a result of this inventory shall appear in the Pending First of the Month category on the monthly report for January, 1978, which shall be submitted to the Administrative Director of the Courts by February 10, 1978.

DATED this 24th day of October, 1977.

JAMES DUKE CAMERON, CHIEF JUSTICE

FRED C. STRUCKMEYER, JR., VICE CHIEF JUSTICE

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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL ARIZONA MUNICIPAL JUDGES
ALL ARIZONA JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

FROM: NOEL K. DESSAINT

DATE: OCTOBER 26, 1977

RE: CASE INVENTORY AND STATISTICAL REPORTS

At the recent Judicial Conference in Sierra Vista, Chief Justice Cameron advised you that the Supreme Court would be issuing an Order requiring an inventory of pending cases and providing you with authority to dismiss inactive cases over one-year old.

Enclosed is a copy of the Supreme Court's Order. Please read and review it carefully.

As the Chief Justice mentioned at the Conference, the purpose of the inventory is to provide you and the Supreme Court with an accurate pending case figure as of January 1, 1978. Only the accurate number of pending cases need be reported on the January, 1978 monthly report. You do not have to file inventory lists by case name or case filing number.

Since the inventory does not extend past January 1, 1967, pending cases filed prior to January 1, 1967, if any, should not be counted on the January, 1978 monthly report. After final approval of the new monthly statistical report form, these forms will be distributed to you.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed Order, please contact me.

November 2, 1977

(MAILED TO ALL PRESIDING JUDGES)

Because we have been experiencing serious problems in the accuracy of the monthly statistical reports received from many of the Justice of the Peace Courts and in the lack of reporting from City Courts, this Court has required all lower courts to inventory their pending cases as of December 31, 1977.

Enclosed is a copy of the Order dated October 24, 1977, directed to all Justices of the Peace and City Magistrates, and a memorandum from the Administrative Director, Noel K. Dessaint, dated October 26, 1977. I am also enclosing a copy of this Court's Order authorizing you as the Presiding Judge in your County to take whatever steps are necessary to obtain compliance with the inventory and reporting requirements contained in our Order of October 24, 1977. New monthly report forms for the lower courts will also be distributed by the Administrative Director to be used commencing with the January, 1978 report.

We have also directed our Administrative Director to publish a 65 year statistical report and to resume publication of a statewide annual report on the judiciary. In preparing these reports we have also encountered accuracy problems in the statistical data for the Superior Courts. In order to ensure the receipt of accurate information, the Superior Courts will also be required to inventory their pending caseloads so that accurate figures, commencing with the January, 1978 report, are received by the Supreme Court. I am enclosing an Order to that effect.

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The Administrative Director is also in the process of revising the monthly Superior Court report forms for your use, starting in January, 1973.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the enclosed Orders, please contact Noel K. Dessaint.

Very truly yours,

James Duke Cameron
Chief Justice

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