



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

RE: CLERK OF THE COURT )
) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
) NO. 91-27
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The Court having given consideration to the matter of the authority of the Clerk of the Supreme Court,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED rescinding Administrative Order No. 87-24 and Administrative Orders dated October 20, 1981, and October 20, 1980.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Supreme Court is hereby authorized to take the following actions and to sign the following orders:

- 1. Orders referring miscellaneous Pro Se Special Actions and Habeas Corpus petitions to the Attorney General and/or County Attorney for response; setting due dates for response and reply on miscellaneous Special Actions and Habeas Corpus Petitions; and, setting date for consideration by the Court.
2. Orders setting Special Action hearing dates, oral argument dates and other Special Action processing dates; Orders granting or denying motions continuing Special Action hearings and other scheduling dates.
3. Orders granting or denying extended pagination on briefs and legal memoranda.
4. Orders granting or denying first extensions of time to file briefs and other pleadings, including delayed Petitions for Review.
5. Orders granting or denying second extensions of time on briefs and other pleadings (except for second extensions of time to file briefs in death penalty cases), but if the Clerk believes that the motion should be denied outright or that less time than that which is sought should be permitted, the matter may be referred to a Justice.

6. Orders releasing original trial court instruments and reporter's transcripts or copies to a judge or clerk of the superior court, a judge or clerk of a federal court and orders releasing court reporter's transcripts to a court reporter.
7. Orders granting or denying extensions of time for the return of court reporter's transcripts.
8. Orders denying defense counsel's motion to withdraw in Anders cases and permitting both appellant and appellee to file supplemental opening, answering and reply briefs.
9. Orders and/or notices granting and/or setting oral argument in death penalty cases and State Bar disciplinary cases, but specific dates for oral argument will be determined by the Court or designated justice on behalf of the Court.
10. Orders submitting cases on the record and/or briefs when oral argument is not requested.
11. Supervise the calendaring and care of Court records and the filing, distribution and publication of decisions and orders of the Supreme Court; keep such statistics and make such reports normally kept by the Clerk of the Supreme Court and keep and prepare monthly statistical reports as may be directed by the Chief Justice or pursuant to agreement between the Clerk and Administrative Director.
12. Orders waiving or refusing to waive filing fees.
13. Orders granting or denying first extensions of time to court reporters upon request for the filing of reporter's transcripts, but all subsequent requests for extensions of time are to be referred to the Chief Justice.
14. Require court reporters to serve copies of their requests for extensions of time to file transcripts on all parties and/or their attorneys and the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court.
15. Orders granting non-substantive uncontested procedural motions related to the processing of the case, but if the Clerk believes that the motion should be denied, the matter is to be referred to the Chief Justice.

16. Accept for filing in the Clerk's discretion, documents such as briefs, motions, responses, replies and other legal memoranda that are not later than five straight calendar days past the due date for filing. Filing of such documents is without prejudice to the filing of a motion to strike for untimeliness.
17. Reject for filing any document presented by any person or party, including those persons who are not represented by an attorney, that does not show service of the document on all other parties in the case, including opposing counsel.
18. Accept or reject documents presented for filing when the original and six copies are not presented for filing, but to be accepted, the original must have the original signature.
19. Reject all documents presented for filing which do not comply with Rules of Procedure or are not provided for by Rules of Procedure. If such documents are accompanied by a formal motion requesting permission of the Court to file documents not contemplated by the Rules of Procedure, such matters will be referred to a Justice.
20. Reject and return all Petitions for Review initially presented to the Supreme Court for original filing after the time for filing a Petition for Review has expired unless a Court order provides for delayed filing.
21. Reject and return all documents requesting relief over which the Supreme Court clearly has no original jurisdiction such as money damage claims.
22. Advise persons who present informal letter requests that the Court cannot take action based on letters and the Clerk is further authorized, in his discretion, to advise persons making requests of the Supreme Court that such requests cannot be handled unless properly filed in pending litigation over which the Court has jurisdiction.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any party or person dissatisfied with the decision of the Clerk may petition the Court for relief.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court may provide procedural suggestions to parties or their attorneys in regard to Supreme Court practice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court and staff of the Clerk shall publish and distribute the Supreme Court's opinions, memorandum decisions and orders according to procedures and directions established by the Supreme Court or the Chief Justice on behalf of the Supreme Court.

DATED this 25th day of October, 1991.

FOR THE COURT:

~~FRANK X. GORDON, JR.~~  
Chief Justice