

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ENDORSEMENT)
OF THE STATE BAR OF ARIZONA TASK)
FORCE ON GENDER BIAS)
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 92-17

WHEREAS:

1. The Supreme Court of Arizona is charged with responsibility for the effective administrative of justice, as well as for regulation of the conduct of Arizona judges and attorneys.

2. The principle of equal treatment of all persons before the law is essential to the very concept of justice.

3. There are continuing reports of gender bias existing within the Arizona judiciary and bar.

4. Members of the judiciary, the practicing bar, and court personnel should be aware of and must address the problem.

5. The State Bar of Arizona, on January 11, 1991, established the Gender Bias Task Force, whose stated mission is to develop specific recommendations designed to address and eliminate gender bias from the judicial branch and the practicing bar of Arizona. The work of the Task Force includes developing educational proposals designed to identify existing bias and monitor the progress and implementation of the proposals.

8. The Supreme Court of Arizona is committed to eliminating gender bias from the judicial branch and the practicing bar of Arizona and will take appropriate measures to ensure that such commitment becomes a reality.

THEREFORE,

The Supreme Court of Arizona declares that it is in full support of the mission of the State Bar Gender Bias Task Force and that it will render appropriate assistance to the Task Force to facilitate the successful completion of its work.

Dated this 22nd day of June, 1992.

STANLEY G. FELDMAN
Chief Justice

cc: All members of the judiciary
Governor Fife Symington
All members of the Legislature
All members of Judicial Nominating Commission
State Bar of Arizona
All county bar associations