



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN THE MATTER OF WAIVER IN PART OF
RULE 17.4(a), RULES OF CRIMINAL
PROCEDURE, TO PERMIT AN EXPERIMENTAL
CASE LOAD REDUCTION PROCEDURE IN PIMA COUNTY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 92- 27

In connection with case load reduction efforts in Pima
County Superior Court,

IT IS ORDERED that, with respect to Pima County only, the
Court waives Rule 17.4(a), Rules of Criminal Procedure, in order to
permit judges of the Superior Court sitting in Pima County to
participate in plea negotiations as provided by the attached
amendment to Pima County Local Rule 28. The Local Rule amendment
for Pima County is hereby approved in the form attached.

Vice Chief Justice Moeller and Justice Corcoran dissent
from this order.

DATED this 30th day of September, 1992.

STANLEY G. FELDMAN
Chief Justice

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE
OF ARIZONA, PIMA COUNTY

ORDER AMENDING RULE 28, LOCAL RULES
OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, PIMA COUNTY

IT IS ORDERED amending Rule 28, Local Rules of Criminal
Procedure, Pima County Superior Court, as follows,* effective 15
October, 1992:

RULE 28, SETTING OF TRIAL: PLEA NEGOTIATIONS;
PARTICIPATION OF JUDGE THEREIN

At arraignment, the court shall fix a date and time at least eight weeks later for the defendant and counsel to appear at a pretrial conference for the setting of a trial date. All plea negotiations must be completed before the case is set for trial. After the case is set for trial, the court will not accept negotiated pleas, except upon written motion based upon a showing of good and sufficient cause. At the request of either party or sua sponte, the court may, in its sole discretion, participate in settlement negotiations by directing counsel having the authority to settle to participate in a good faith discussion with the court regarding a non-trial resolution which conforms to the interests of justice.

September 21, 1992
Date

THOMAS MEEHAN
Presiding Judge
Pima County Superior Court

September 29, 1992
Date

approved: STANLEY G. FELDMAN
Chief Justice of the Arizona
Supreme Court

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