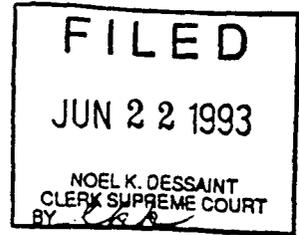


IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA



In re Application of Rule 4(i), Arizona)
Rules of Civil Procedure, and Rule V(e),)
Uniform Rules of Practice, to damage ac-)
tions filed between July 1 and July 17,)
1993, in light of the enactment of)
SB 1055)

No. R-93-0027

ADMINISTRATIVE
ORDER - 93-31

A petition has been filed, pursuant to Rule 28, Arizona Rules of the Supreme Court, seeking amendment to Rule 4(i), Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure, and Rule V(e), Uniform Rules of Practice, as those rules would apply to certain cases that may be filed because of the enactment of SB 1055, which is to become effective on July 17, 1993.

The Court believes that it is reasonable to anticipate the filing of a large number of damage actions between July 1 and July 17, 1993, in light of the enactment of SB 1055.

The Presiding Civil Judge of the Maricopa County Superior Court has requested that this Court take administrative action that will enable the Maricopa County Superior Court to meet the large number of anticipated filings prior to July 17, 1993. In addition, the matter has been considered by a subcommittee of the Civil Study Committee of the Maricopa County Superior Court, and the Court has received and considered majority and minority comments on this matter from that committee.

For several reasons, including the fact that preparation of a large number of these cases may be incomplete at the time of filing, the Court anticipates numerous motions seeking to extend the time for service provided by Rule 4(i), Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure. Adjudication of such motions will place an undue administrative burden on the superior courts of the state and will unduly divert court resources from the courts' existing case load.