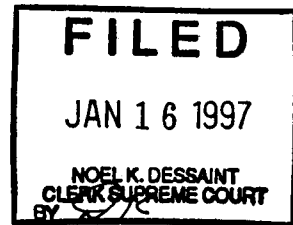


IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA



In the Matter of: )  
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CLIFTON JUSTICE AND ) Administrative Order  
MUNICIPAL COURTS ) No. 97- 6  
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The Supreme Court, having administrative supervision over all courts of the state pursuant to the Constitution of Arizona, Article VI, periodically conducts reviews of court operations.

Whereas, a Supreme Court operational review of the Clifton Justice and Municipal Courts is in progress and preliminary findings indicate potential operational and administrative problems, Judge Minker having previously issued local administrative order number 97-2, and Judge Minker being temporarily unavailable,

IT IS NOW ORDERED as follows:

The Administrative Director of the Courts or his designees are hereby ordered to ensure the courts are operating independently and properly. Until further order of the Court, administrative control of the Clifton Justice and Municipal Courts shall be assumed by the Administrative Director of the Courts or his designees. The Administrative Director of the Courts or his designees shall take appropriate steps to immediately secure the court and its records.

Until further order of the Court, all books and records of the Clifton Justice and Municipal Courts wherever located are placed in the constructive possession of the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Greenlee County, Arizona, and in particular, in the constructive possession of the Supreme Court of the State of Arizona and, in particular, in the constructive possession of the Administrative Director of the Courts thereof, David Byers, or his designees.

Although constructive possession of the books and records of the Clifton Justice and Municipal Courts wherever located is being hereby transferred to the Administrative Director of the Courts or his designees, the Court recognizes that physical possession of the books and records is presently at the Clifton Justice and Municipal Courts. Therefore,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, until further order of the Court, no person, other than the Administrative Director of the Courts, or his designees, shall remove from the premises of the Clifton Justice or Municipal Court any paper or record of any type whatsoever for any reason whatsoever, nor shall any such paper or record be defaced, altered or destroyed. This order is intended to and

does apply to all personnel of the Clifton Justice and Municipal Courts, including the judge, the clerk, the deputy clerks, all employees of the court, and any agents or representatives of any of the foregoing named individuals. The Administrative Office of the Courts is to take immediate steps to secure the integrity of court records including electronic records contained in the court's automated system. Service of this order is authorized by in-person delivery or by on-site delivery by Karen Karowski or any other Administrative Office of the Courts employee.

DATED this 16th day of January, 1997.

THOMAS A. ZLAKET  
Chief Justice