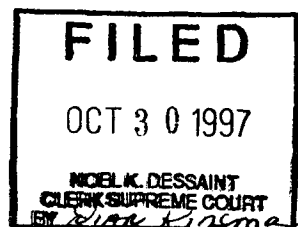


IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA



In The Matter Of: )  
 )  
 ) Administrative Order  
 ) No. 97- 55  
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 ) APPROVAL OF ASSOCIATE )  
 ) PRESIDING JUDGE IN SUPERIOR )  
 ) COURT FOR SANTA CRUZ COUNTY )  
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Pursuant to the Rule I (4) of the Uniform Rules of Practice, and Administrative Rule V-A I. B. (4) of Administrative Order No. 93-30-Revised, dated August 6, 1993, the presiding judge in each county shall appoint with the approval of the Supreme Court an associate presiding judge to act during the absence or unavailability of the presiding judge.

On September 18, 1997, by Administrative Order No. 97-9 of the Superior Court of Santa Cruz County, Honorable Roberto C. Montiel, Presiding Judge, appointed the Honorable Jose M. Lerma as Associate Presiding Judge.

Now therefore, in accordance with the provisions of Uniform Rules of Practice and Administrative Rule V-A cited herein,

IT IS ORDERED that the Court hereby approves the appointment of the Honorable Jose M. Lerma as Associate Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Santa Cruz and, in accordance with Rule I (7) (b), he shall serve at the pleasure of the presiding judge and exercise and discharge all powers and duties of the presiding judge, except that he may not appoint court commissioners or appoint judges permanently to special assignments.

Dated this 30th day of October, 1997.

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THOMAS A. ZLAKET  
Chief Justice