



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
)
ELECTRONIC FILING OF)
SMALL CLAIMS ACTIONS IN)
PIMA COUNTY CONSOLIDATED)
JUSTICE COURTS, ON AN)
EXPERIMENTAL BASIS)
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_____)

Administrative Order
No. 99- 20
(Extends Administrative
Order No. 97-71)

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 22-284, “the presiding judge of the superior court may provide for the electronic filing of documents and electronic access to justice court records” and the collection of fees for said filing is permitted, pursuant to rules adopted by the Supreme Court.

On December 24, 1997, by Administrative Order No. 97-71, the Court ordered that the Pima County Consolidated Justice Court be given the authority to accept the electronic filing of small claims actions (including pleadings and payment of fees from litigants) via the Internet. The order authorized a one-year pilot program and required reports to be submitted to the Commission on Technology and the Arizona Judicial Council. Implementation occurred several months later than planned and additional time is needed to complete analysis and prepare the report.

Now, therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that Administrative Order No. 97-71 be extended from December, 1998, through December, 1999, to allow additional time for the Pima County Consolidated Justice Courts to experiment with electronic filing of small claims and to submit its final report to the Arizona Judicial Council at its meeting in December, 1999.

Dated this 18th day of March, 1999.

THOMAS A. ZLAKET
Chief Justice