



## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT**

**Requested Board Meeting Date:** March 5, 2024

**Title:** Approval of Superior Court Commissioners

### **Introduction/Background:**

Two new commissioners have been hired to fill 2 vacancies in Superior Court. Please see draft Administrative Orders as attached.

### **Discussion:**

The usual extensive procedure of hiring commissioners was followed, and the 2 best candidates were offered positions to fill existing vacancies.

### **Conclusion:**

### **Recommendation:**

Approval by the Board of Supervisors of the 2 commissioners hired by Pima County Superior Court.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

### **Board of Supervisor District:**

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Deputy County Administrator Signature/Date: \_\_\_\_\_

County Administrator Signature/Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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ARIZONA SUPERIOR COURT

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PIMA

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF: ) SUPERIOR COURT  
) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
) NO. 2023-XX  
SANDRA M. BENSLEY AS )  
SUPERIOR COURT COMMISSIONER ) JUVENILE COURT  
) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
\_\_\_\_\_) NO. 2023-XX

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-213, the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court has the authority to appoint court commissioners for the Superior Court,

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-231, the Presiding Juvenile Court Judge has the authority to appoint Juvenile Court Commissioners, and

WHEREAS Sandra M. Bensley meets the qualifications for appointment as a Superior Court Commissioner pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-213 and the qualifications for appointment as a Juvenile Court Commissioner pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-231,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED appointing Sandra M. Bensley as a full-time Pima County Superior Court Commissioner and a full-time Juvenile Court Commissioner to serve at the pleasure of the Presiding Judges of Pima County Superior Court and Pima County Juvenile Court, effective March 11, 2024. Commissioner Bensley's initial service on either Superior Court Family, Probate or Juvenile benches to be at the discretion of the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court and the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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HON. JEFFREY T. BERGIN, Presiding Judge  
Pima County Superior Court

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HON. MICHAEL BUTLER, Presiding Judge  
Pima County Juvenile Court

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ARIZONA SUPERIOR COURT

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PIMA

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF: )  
 )  
 ) SUPERIOR COURT  
 ) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
 ) NO. 2023-XX  
DEREK J. KOLTUNOVICH AS )  
SUPERIOR COURT COMMISSIONER )  
 ) JUVENILE COURT  
 ) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
 ) NO. 2023-XX

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-213, the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court has the authority to appoint court commissioners for the Superior Court,

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-231, the Presiding Juvenile Court Judge has the authority to appoint Juvenile Court Commissioners, and

WHEREAS Derek M. Koltunovich meets the qualifications for appointment as a Superior Court Commissioner pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-213 and the qualifications for appointment as a Juvenile Court Commissioner pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-231,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED appointing Derek M. Koltunovich as a full-time Pima County Superior Court Commissioner and a full-time Juvenile Court Commissioner to serve at the pleasure of the Presiding Judges of Pima County Superior Court and Pima County Juvenile Court, effective March 11, 2024. Commissioner Koltunovich's initial service on either Superior Court Family, Probate or Juvenile benches to be at the discretion of the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court and the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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